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Hopkins bond election ends in tie

By Gari Voss

May elections are often overlooked since not all precincts have millages on the ballot or official positions to fill. The May 5, 2026, Allegan County election involved only five proposals and six precincts. All proposals were important, but it was the Hopkins Public Schools $110 million bond proposal that got attention with a result of 1,091 yes and 1,091 no.

Upon examining the unofficial results as of May 5th, Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski shared that he could remember it happening only one other time in the time he had been clerk.

The vote count will be officially completed May 11, 2026. Genetski explained that there is potential for the count to change if military and overseas votes arrive which can be accepted on that date. There could also be a review for signature corrections on rejected absentee ballots that voters could correct by May 8th.

"The Canvassers have found no reason to believe the vote is not completely accurate," stated Genetski. "Barring anything crazy, the Board will meet briefly to vote on certifying the election. After that, if a voter in the Hopkins School District wants to petition for a recount, they have 48 hours to do so."

If the vote remains tied after any overseas ballots and signature cures are counted, the results will equal a failed proposal because to pass, a proposal must have a majority of votes.

The polling station in Hopkins had been busy on Tuesday, May 5th with voters weighing in on the school bond proposal that would make improvements in safety and security in all schools, create a performing arts center, improve high school locker rooms, upgrade technology, and replace the middle school. The plan would not increase the millage rate currently charged to property owners.

Other ballot proposal results on May 5th revealed more normal results. The City of Holland Wards 4 and 5 voters were asked to approve the operating millage for the Macatawa Area Express (MAX), the City of Holland Public Schools and the Saugatuck Public Schools wanted their Sinking Fund Millage reinstated, and Zeeland Public was asking for an Operating Millage Renewal.

Holland Ward 4 and 5 voters easily passed the MAX Transportation Authority Operating Millage with votes of 718 yes and 353 no.

The City of Holland School District said yes to their Sinking Fund Millage Proposal with 750 yeah and 589 nays.

Saugatuck Public Schools also passed their Sinking Fund Millage Proposal with 932 yes to 488 no.

Zeeland voters rejected the Public School Operating Millage Renewal Proposal with 118 no and 76 yes.

The Allegan County Board of Canvassers met on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Allegan County Courthouse. The Canvassers will reconvene on Tuesday, May 12th beginning at 9am to complete their review of the May 5, 2026, voting results.

Hopkins Public Schools has an opportunity to request a recount, which is what Clerk Genetski feels may occur. Or they can go back to the voters with the bond proposal in the November election.

Outstanding educators for 2026 honored

Each year, the Outstanding People for Education Awards shine a spotlight on individuals who go above and beyond to make a meaningful difference in Allegan County's public schools. From dedicated educators and support staff to committed volunteers and administrators, these honorees represent the very best in education and share a common commitment to student success.

For 2026, our eight local school districts, along with the Allegan Area ESA, each selected three recipients, from the extensive list of nominees, to receive this distinguished recognition. The awards, sponsored by the Allegan County School Boards Association, were celebrated during a banquet held April 29 at the Allegan Conference Center at Allegan High School. The evening was made even more special through catering and décor provided by the teachers and students of the Tech Center's Culinary Arts program.

This year's honorees include:

Allegan Area ESA

- Tina Kocefas — Teacher, Transition Center
- Alayna Krueger — Early Childhood Social Worker
- Troy Woodwyk — Director of Safety & Security

Allegan Public Schools

- Ashley Jackson — Behavioral Interventionist, Dawson Elementary
- Kay Scharlow — Social Studies Teacher, L.E. White Middle School
- Lindsay Bannatyne — Math Teacher, Allegan High School

Fennville Public Schools

- Jeffrey Lance — Spanish Teacher, Fennville High School
- Kelly Howes — Literacy Coach, Fennville Elementary
- Wendell Hughes — Varsity Football Coach and Bus Driver

Glenn Public School

- Jamie Walle — Superintendent/Principal
- Kevin Poolman — Board of Education President
- Tony Marr —

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Upset residents address Gun Plain with data center concerns

By Joseph Schultz

It was a large, angry, and fearful crowd that assembled for the Gun Plain Township Board Meeting on Thursday night. The crowd of residents were angry about the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) that was being reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the length of the data center moratorium. Many were also fearful due to rumors of a data center coming to the township.

For an hour, residents expressed their anger and fears to the board. Concerns about the ecological fallout should a BESS catch fire were mentioned frequently. There was also disgust with the board setting a four-month moratorium when other townships have set a twelve-month moratorium. Resident John Beck expressed the mood in the room best when he told the board, "Everyone was smart enough to know a ramrod when we see it."

When the public comments were finished, and the board discussed the work on a data center ordinance, Township Supervisor Michael VanDenBerg stated that they had set a four month moratorium based on the advice from the township's attorney. However, given the complexity of drafting a data center ordinance, he was going to tell the attorney that the township needs a twelve-month moratorium to complete the process.

The announcement was met with vast approval from those in attendance. VanDenBerg cautioned, however, that whatever length they set for the moratorium, it needed to be able to hold up in court. He reasoned that as long as the township was actively working on an ordinance, it was better to extend a moratorium than to set a long one that could be successfully challenged in court.

VanDenBerg also explained that state law does not allow a township to exclude a business entirely. While the township can create ordinances regulating a BESS or a data center, if those businesses comply with the regulations, the township must allow them into the community.

The township supervisor emphatically stated that, contrary to social media posts, the township does not have an

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FENNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS NIGHT

The Public Schools Educational Foundation has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors at Fennville High School for 2026.

The Fennville Educational Foundation was established in 1987 for the purpose of supporting and providing educational opportunities for the students at Fennville Public Schools through award of grants for graduating students and teachers.

Since 2018, the Foundation has awarded over $1.3 Million to students, and more than $60,000 to teachers to use in their classrooms, ensuring that students have greater access to opportunity in education and empowering students to achieve their potential.

"The scholarships that the Fennville Education Foundation and Allegan Community Foundation are able to provide and award to our students allows for students to pursue their post-secondary plans a little easier. The scholarships allow for students to get closer to their career goals by removing part of the financial burden. We are so grateful for these opportunities for our students" said Albert Lombard, Fennville Public Schools superintendent.

During the school's annual Awards night, top students received scholarships from the Educational Foundation, including ones from the Hutchinson, Wark, Wolfgang Wade.. Shepard/ Moeller and Dickinson family endowments. More came in the form lf non-endowed scholarships to students.

A complete list of all scholarship awardees is available on the Fennville Public Schools website, as is information about the donors behind the scholarships. The scholarships have all been established by Fennville residents or those connected to the Fennville area.

"The scholarships represent our past shining a light for our future. Everyone responsible for these scholarships is someone who truly cares about nurturing the young people venturing forth from Fennville High School to take their place in the world," said Dan Rastall, Fennville Educational Foundation Vice Chair.

Donations to the Educational Foundation to be used towards future scholarships can be mailed to PO Box 231, Fennville, MI 49408. The Foundation board can be reached at fef@fennville.org if individuals want to learn more about contributions.

AWARDS

Fennville Education Foundation Scholarships

Hutchins-Sayen Scholarship
Carter Thompson $1,000.00

Woodby Family Scholarships
Joanna Benitez $1,000.00
Ulysses Estrada $1,000.00

Robert & Luetta Crane Memorial Scholarships
Amiah Davis $1,000.00
Marisol Diaz Mena $1,000.00

American Legion Scholarship
O'Ryan Espino $1,000.00

West Michigan Blue Star Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Rebecca Parente $1,000.00

Ralph McMahon Family Scholarship
Adamari Torres $2,000.00

Bill & Rose Dalton Memorial Scholarship
Anahi Sanchez $1,500.00

Donald & Mary Ann Moeller Scholarship
Ulysses Estrada $5,000.00

Donald H. & Thelma Dickinson Scholarship
Yohana Torres-Martinez $7,000.00

Pete & Trevah Hartsuiker Scholarship
Ava Ellis $10,000.00

Leon & Josephine (Wade) Shepard Scholarships
Lily Achterhof $18,000.00
Samantha Giles $18,000.00
Marissa Sanchez $18,000.00
Marisol Diaz Mena $18,000.00
Alex Ferrari $18,000.00
Michael Herrera $18,000.00
Jaciel Ruiz $18,000.00
Zachary Onken $18,000.00

Wolfgang Wade Scholarships
Cruz Medrano $27,000.00
Yasid Izquierdo $27,000.00

Mary H. Wark Scholarships
Jaqueline Benitez $32,500.00
Rylee Geister $32,500.00

Janice & Edward Hutchinson Scholarships
Aliyana Cavazos $32,000.00
Hannah Lombard $32,000.00

Community Scholarships

Fennville Pullman Lakeshore Rotary Club Reese Anaya $2,500

VFW Post 7911 Scholarships
Samantha Giles $500.00
Marissa Sanchez $500.00

Chuck Symons Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Coffindaffer $1,000.00

Masonic Dutcher Lodge #193 Scholarship
Hannah Lombard $1,000.00
Rylee Geister $1,000.00

Hustle & Harmony Scholarships
Hannah Lombard $500.00

Gun Lake Casino Resort Scholarship
Hannah Lombard $2,000.00

Class of 2008 Service Scholarship
Kaydance Fiske $500.00
Rebecca Parente $500.00

Rio Bravo Training Center Almanza Family Scholarship
O'Ryan Espino $500.00
Reese Anaya $500.00

Myrtie & Ethelyn Paine Memorial Scholarship
Rylee Geister $46,450.00

Allegan County Community Foundation Scholarships

Saugatuck Douglas Garden Club Scholarship

Alexandra Solis-Sarat $3,000.00

Trevor & Marie Nichols Scholarship
Reese Anaya $4,167.00

Helen F. Kitchen Memorial Scholarship
Makaihla Steanburg $500.00

Frederick "Laddie" Mesyar Scholarship
Jaciel Ruiz $500.00

James & Grace Walz Scholarship
Reese Anaya $8,000.00
Alexandra Solis-Sarat $8,000.00

McIlwaine Family Skilled Trades Scholarship
Lily Achterhof $3,000.00

Truck hits overpass on 131, logs spill, hit second truck

By Elizabeth Ferszt
Contributing Writer

On Wed. May 6 at about 4:30 am, a heavy commercial truck and trailer hit an overpass on U.S. 131 northbound at 110th Ave. in Allegan County near Otsego; its load of logs spilled out onto the freeway, causing another crash by a second truck. Miraculously, no one was hurt, but that section of 131 was closed down to one lane for several hours that morning, and all lanes of 110th Ave. were completely closed.

Later in the morning at about 9:00 am, the bridge and overpass were inspected and cleared for safety to reopen as well, according to MDOT.

According to Allegan County Sheriff Frank Baker, the driver of the first truck may face consequences for the accident.

"The Sheriff's Office crash investigator has advised that the MSP Motor Carrier Division is handling enforcement as they were doing a complete inspection of the truck involved," Baker said.

"Enforcement will likely include a citation for over height load and any other infractions identified as a result of the truck inspection," he added.

The driver of the second truck, who hit some of the spilled logs from the first truck, will likely not be charged.

Allegan County News attempted to check with the MSP regarding any citations that may have been issued, per Baker's suggestion. But we have not heard back from them by press time.

News Channel 3 reports that the U.S. 131 at 110th Ave. crash comes as the 146th Ave. overpass bridge (further north in Dorr Twp.) is still closed due to a semi-truck too tall to pass beneath it, hit it in late August 2025. MDOT reports that the 146th Ave. bridge will remain closed until the end of the year for repairs.

Talons Out Honor Flight honors Allegan County veterans

By Gari Voss

Talons Out Honor Flight invites the public to welcome home veterans at the Kzoo Air Zoo on Sat., May 16, 2026, at 8pm. The importance of this event can be validated by Roy James, a Korean War veteran who served in the Army from 1952-54, and was a member of Talons Out Honor Flight Mission 27. He made the trip to Washington, DC in October 2025 with his daughter Traci Perrigo.

On May 16, 2026, Mission 28 of the Talons Out Honor Flight will send over 80 southwest Michigan WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans to Washington, D.C. The public is invited to meet the flight when it returns to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo at 8pm. Signs are appropriate to welcome these veterans home, since many of them missed the warm welcome that they had hoped when they returned in the 1970s.

The manifest includes four Allegan County Veterans who will travel to Reagan International Airport in Washington DC around 8am on Saturday to spend the day visiting six historic memorials. These sites include the WWII War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery to attend the Changing of the Guard, the Korean War Memorial, as well as the Vietnam Wall Memorial.

The Allegan County Vets honored on Mission 28 will be from Hamilton, Roger Gates, Navy; from Otsego, Darl Gilliland, Navy; from Fennville, Robert Mayo, Army; and from Plainwell, Jerome Westergaard, Army and Navy.

Others from Michigan have been able to join previous flights. Upon reflecting on his experience, Sgt. E5 Rob K shared, "The Mission provided the forum for some of the kindest reflections I ever had from people I love and respect, which told me that they respected what I did in the service. I never expected to hear that. You have marked my life with a joyous experience, that is kind of a wonderful closer to an old scar."

Korean War veteran Roy James attended Talons Out Honor Flight Mission 27 in October 2025. It was a day full of emotional experiences. His daughter, Traci Perrigo, was able to travel with him and shared, "I definitely would go again. The Talons Out volunteers go above and beyond to make the vets feel seen and appreciated for their sacrifices as a US military member."

Talons Out organizers invite everyone to gather at the Air Zoo in Portage on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 8pm to welcome these heroes home. As history shows, the military men and women who spent time in Korea and Vietnam did not receive a hearty welcome home back in the 1950s or 1970s.

"Talons Out Honor Flight is excited to partner once again with the Air Zoo for our Mission 28 Homecoming where Veteran organizations from all across southern Michigan will be on hand to welcome these heroes' home," explained the organizers.

Guests are asked to arrive at the Air Zoo no later than 8:00 pm in order to ensure the Homecoming goes smoothly. ALL guests are to use the E. Milham Ave. entrance to the Air Zoo. This event is open to the public. Bring thank you cards, make signs and come out and Welcome Home our Nation's heroes!

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May 2026: Cereal Drive: Allegan County ingathering coordinated by Hungry for Christ

Fri., May 15, 2026, 9am-5pm: Annual Rummage Sale. Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8am: Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble. Cheshire Hills Golf Course. 102nd Ave. Allegan

Sat. May 16, 2026, 9am: 52nd 11Annual Benefit Ride for Wings. Silver Creek Equestrian Park. 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton

Sat., May 16, 2026, 11am: Teen & Adult Book Bricks. Allegan District Library. 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., May 16, 2026, 1-3pm: Plein Air Equipment Demonstration. Brave Art Studios. 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan

Sat., May 16, 2026, 2-8pm: ALEgan Beer Fest 2026. Allegan Fairgrounds Fair Drive. Allegan

Sat., May 16, 2026, 5pm: Night of Hope. St. Mary's Visitation Center

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8-11pm: After Dark Country Night feat. The Silo. 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., May 13, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., May 13, 2026, 2pm: Recess for Adults with the Arc of Allegan
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and enjoy activities with friends from The Arc of Allegan County.

Thurs., May 14, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Teen Art Hangout. Grades 6-12 can drop in to make art out of candy.

Fri., May 15, 2026, 9am-5pm: Annual Rummage Sale
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
Come and shop a large selection of treasures that are priced at a free will donation. Address questions to 269 673-3335 or immanuelallegan@gmail.com.

Fri., May 15, 2026, 7pm: Music Bingo
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members, friends and interested members are welcome.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8am: Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble
Cheshire Hills Golf Course 102nd Ave. Allegan
Register at 8am, Shotgun Start at 9am. Register a team or individuals at https://www.campkidwell.org/. The day includes golf and online auction.

Sat. May 16, 2026, 9am: 52nd 11Annual Benefit Ride for Wings
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton
Allegan Co. Pleasure Riders sponsor a trail ride to raise funds for Wings of Hope Hospice and Wings Home. Register by calling 616 490-1627 or at the park Fri. evening or Sat. morning before the ride. Extra tickets are given to those who collect donations before the ride. Check ACPR Facebook page.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 11am: Teen & Adult Book Bricks
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 12 and up can register at 269 673-4625 to paint the cover of a favorite on a brick to display at home or at the library.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 1-3pm: Plein Air Equipment Demonstration
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Paulette invites all to share their set up and answer questions that will help expand the plein air community.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 2-8pm: ALEgan Beer Fest 2026
Allegan Fairgrounds Fair Drive Allegan
Adults 21 and up can join in the annual ALEgan Craft Beer Fest. Get tickets at https://alleganjaycees.com/products/2026-alegan-beer-fest and get info to become a sponsor, volunteer, or register your brewery at jciallegan@gmail.com.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 5pm: Night of Hope
St. Mary's Visitation Center
Plan an evening at the 29th Annual Auction for Wings of Hope. For more information visit www.wingsofhopehospice.com.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 7pm: Michael & Sophia McIntosh
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members & guests can enjoy food, friends, music & dancing.

Sat., May 16, 2026, 8-11pm: After Dark Country Night feat
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
The Silo hosts Country Night with the Bronks Bros. Purchase pizza, snacks & bar service. $12 cover charge.

Sun., May 17, 2026, 8am: Eagle Riders Breakfast
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
The public is welcome to enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

Mon., May 18, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga. Drop in to join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm: Craftastic: Seashell Trinket Tray. Register at 269 673-4625 to create decoupage seashell trinket trays.

Mon., May 18, 2026, all day: Free Pool
Allegan Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members & friends can enjoy free pool.

Tues., May 19, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Discover 4H with MSU Extension. 5-12 year olds can enjoy learning about countries and do a cultural craft.

Tues., May 19, 2026, 12-1pm: Leadership Roundtable
ACCF 112 Locust St. Allegan or Zoom
This roundtable offers a trusted environment where leaders can brainstorm ideas, work through challenges, and offer assistance to peers. Register: alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar

Wed., May 20, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come, listen and eszat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Wed., May 20, 2026, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewing Co. Hubbard St. Allegan
Teams up to 5 members can register beginning at 5:30pm then enjoy the competition. Library cards earn extra points.

Thurs., May 21, 2026, 10-11am: Spring Time Story
West Side Park 2152 Lakeshore Dr., Fennville
Children 7 and under and guardians are welcome to enjoy a story and a stroll. Dress for the outside weather. Information at the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC).

Thurs., May 21, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Friends of the Library Geranium Sale. Purchase Van Til's Greenhouse flowers for $5.50 and support library programs.

Thurs., May 21, 2026, 5-7pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Join the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce and Allegan Jaycees for a collaborative time. Bring business cards and network.

Fri., May 22, 2026, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Grades 6-12 can register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy an evening of technology of all types.

Sat., May 23, 2026, 11am: Jumpstart Your Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and work with Megan Heyl on various aspects of finding and organizing family history.

Sat., May 23, 2026, 11am-noon: Mushroom Walk at Silver Creek
Silver Creek Park Hamilton
All ages can stroll the park while looking for mushrooms and other fungi and learn about their roles in the ecosystem. Information at the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC).

Sat., May 23, 2026, 12-4pm: Camp Kidwell Open House & Pig Roast
Camp Kidwell 39000 1st Ave. Bloomingdale
Come tour the campus and enjoy the activities.

Mon., May 25, 2026, Noon: Memorial Day Community Picnic
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave. & 56th St. Pullman
Join the fun with a Flag raising at noon, then Free Picnic of pulled pork and the fixings, followed by the Memorial Day Parade and the Memorial Service at the Lee Township Cemetery.

Tues., May 26, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting. All are welcome to assist in planning activities for the library.

Tues., May 26, 2026, 11am-noon: Behavioral & Mental Health Roundtable
MACC & the ACCF invite all behavioral and mental health groups to join a virtual, collaborative event to share updates and ideas, discuss challenges and barriers, and explore opportunities for partnership and coordination. Register on the alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar.

Tues., May 26, 2026, 2-3pm: Food Security Roundtable
MACC & the ACCF invite all groups working to improve food security to join a virtual, collaborative event to share updates and ideas, discuss challenges and barriers, and explore opportunities for partnership and coordination. Register on the alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar.

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108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
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Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino's 1290 M89, Plainwell.

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404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

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NO NUKES! DAY OF ACTION

What: A Rally, Free Concert, Marches, Press Conferrence
Where: Bronson Park & Downtown K'zu/Kalamazoo
When: Monday, May 18, Starting at 1 pm in Bronson Park
1pm ET -- Bring your lunch to picnic in Bronson Park with NO NUKES activists, organizers, & leaders from across the Great Lakes Basin! After lunch, leafieting with fliers inviting pedestrians to our rally, march, & press conference,
as well as the opportunity to speak out & voice concemns at the City Commission meeting.
3-4pm ET - Rally with the Great Lakes Brass Band in Bronson Park & march around the heart of downtown K'zu.
4pm-5pm ET — Press Conference - Location TBA — The steps of City Hall, Bronson Park bandshell or alternative.
5-6pm ET -- A second march around the heart of downtown Kalamazoo, led by the Great Lakes Brass Band.
7-8pm ET — Public-facing City Commission meeting; Those who wish to speak out against Palisades' restart,
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Residents pack city hall to comment on Weeks St. sale, 2027 budget

By Gari Voss

The City of Allegan's council meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, brought a full room of residents who participated in the Public Hearing portions of several items on the agenda. The first round of concerns and neutral comments came with the sale of the parcel of city property on Week Street. The comments continued with the Public Hearing for the proposed funding year 2027 (FY27) budget. And the audience was not finished when the first round of Public Comments arrived. All thoughts were acknowledged, though on several occasions, the room had to be silenced and brought back to order.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

The Council was delighted to accept gifts of $25 from Kimberly Underwood and $50 from an anonymous donor for the Regent Theater. The City Staff was requested to send thank you cards.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Weeks Street. The Public Hearing and approval of the sale of city owned parcel 51-290-003-00 on Weeks Street to Brandon and Melissa Genzink became a bit contentious but brought some understanding.

The parcel was one that the council put up for sale in July 2025, and hired Weichert Realtors Platinum Group to work at selling. A For Sale sign was erected in September 2025. This lot was not used by the city and Brandon and Melissa Genzink stepped forward with a plan to construct a house and garage.

The sale was publicized three times in the Allegan County News. Along the way, there was a question regarding ownership. A survey is being requested by the city because Brandon Sparks of 3 Weeks Street is concerned about what would be built on the small plot. Mr. Sparks went into much detail about his background, and finally got to the point where he had been doing the mowing and upkeep, and he would like to purchase the small lot and add it to his current property. Throughout the process, he felt that he had not been respected by the city manager and council.

Chris Antkoviak spoke to the history of the property. Antkoviak shared that different neighbors wished to purchase the property, but Mr. Weeks was not willing to sell the lot. At one point, Antkoviak took a portion of the lot, and Becky Corbet was going to purchase remainder. This did not occur and the parcel went for back taxes. One point that came to light was that city staff had changed the norm. Those living around empty city parcels were contacted personally when the city wished to sell. He felt that the city should have contacted the adjoining owners before putting up a for sale sign and requesting the market value price. The question was raised as to when the process changed from 2013 to 2025. The suggestion was made to examine the city process.

Others in the audience realized that the property had been for sale for 6 months and were confused because the parcel had been for sale. They voiced that it sounded like the city followed a reasonable sale process.

City Manager Joel Dye reminded the council that a vote of 5 of the 7 council members is required to sell city property. Both Charles Clark, Jr. and Carl Canalis were absent so all council members present would need to agree to the sale. A motion was made to approve the sale of the parcel on Weeks Street to the Genzinks but extend the purchase sale agreement to 6 months. Council members voiced that the For Sale sign informed anyone in the neighborhood of the sale, and the posting of the intent in the newspaper had kept the process transparent. The motion carried.

FY 2027 City of Allegan Budget.

A Public Hearing for the funding year 2027 budget began with a presentation. City Manager Dye shared that the FY27 budget will begin on July 1, 2026, and go through June 30, 2027. The budget shows how expenditures reflect the city. There are six basic steps to create and approve a budget. Currently, the city is at the step to adopt, then implement, then monitor. Afterward, there is constant monitoring and adjusting. Following the presentation, the council would hold the Public Hearing.

During the budgeting process, the council had examined initial revenue of $29.7M compared to expenses of $32.4M. The expenditures broke out at 16% for personnel, 33% for operating, and 53% for capital improvements.

An important reminder was that at a glance, the city has 40 full-time employees, 19 part-time employees; 5,179 residents; 4.26 square miles; 29 miles of road; 10 city parks; 1 specialized water treatment plant; 1 water resource recovery facility; 1 police department; 1 municipal airport; 1 civic auditorium; and 1 movie theater. Where often times a budget will be heavy on personnel and operating, Allegan's budget is heavy with capital improvements.

Dye shared an organizational chart that begins with the citizens at the top of the chart. The people elect the council, the council elects the city manager, and the city manager assists with the hiring and oversees the different departments with the assistance of department heads.

Rather than set goals, the Council created Civic Pillars that hold up the community. The five pillars indicated that Allegan is a Safe Community, Stewarded, Growing, Welcoming, and Optimizing its resources.

	2027 Revenues	Fund Balance (Used)/Added	TOTAL Revenues+FB	TOTAL 2027 Expenditures
101 General Fund	$ 6,590,780	$ (1,161,538)	$ 7,752,318	$ 7,752,318
151 Perpetual Care	$ 700	$ 200	$ 500	$ 500
202 Major Streets	$ 1,162,909	$ (598,636)	$ 1,761,545	$ 1,761,545
203 Local Streets	$ 1,417,516	$ (917,243)	$ 2,334,759	$ 2,334,759
225 Grants	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
248 DDA	$ 241,265	$ (63,360)	$ 304,625	$ 304,625
251 PA	$ 101,450	$ 7,500	$ 93,950	$ 93,950
252 Brownfield	$ 37,810	$ 32,810	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
298 Reserve Sinking	$ 58,500	$ 58,500	$ -	$ -
299 Capital Sinking	$ 135,000	$ 45,000	$ 90,000	$ 90,000
590 Wastewater	$ 11,917,072	$ (652,963)	$ 12,570,035	$ 12,570,035
591 Water	$ 7,148,942	$ 432,902	$ 6,716,040	$ 6,716,040
661 MVP	$ 886,090	$ 88,283	$ 797,807	$ 797,807
	$ 29,698,034	$ (2,728,545)	$ 32,426,578	$ 32,426,578

The presentation of the FY27 budget began with a chart of revenues and expenditures. A comment came with the concern that the city was using some of its Fund Balance to create a balanced budget.

After a reminder of the things accomplished by the Council in the past, they were able to look at the present projects and the near future. In 2013, the Downtown Riverfront Plan was created as a guide for improvements. In 2015, groundbreaking occurred that included a boardwalk, pedestrian plaza, and stage area. In 2018, the Perrigo Riverfront Plaza was completed that included a 100-person splashpad and 20-foot firepit. The area stayed pretty well set until 2025 when Mahan Park received a facelift and the swing structure was erected where the Zipline Tower had previously stood.

Things began to take shape with the Streetscape Project. In 2021, the Cutler St. parking lot was improved. In 2022, a new deck was added to the original Iron Bridge structure. In 2023, students began designing bike racks that can now be found around the city. In 2024, MDOT constructed the roundabout that connects M-89, M-40 from the south, Hubbard Street, Ely Street, and Cutler Street.

In 2025, thanks to grants and dedicated contributors reconstruction happened. A new gazebo was constructed and landscaping done in Mahan Park; the Hubbard St. parking lot was reconstructed; Ely Street received a facelift, the Griswold had exterior tuckpointing done and repairs made to windows; and 6 hangers were added at Padgham Field.

Entering 2026, street work is in progress on Trowbridge, Chestnut, and Walnut Streets, sidewalks are being constructed or repaired to get kids safely to the new elementary school, and the Rossman Park neighborhood is getting major street and infrastructure attention.

Looking forward to FY27 projects, revenue will be utilized for the Rossman Neighborhood Reconstruction Project at $17.245M, Downtown Allegan Improvement Project, Phase II at $2.975M, The Water Resource Recovery Facility Sludge Thickening at $2.615M, The Sewer Lining along Grand and Marshall Streets for $728K, The Water Main Replacement along Grand Street between River and Main Streets for $420K, and the Safe Streets for All Plan Evaluation of all intersections for $300K.

At this point, the city charter is set at 17 mills, which will drop to 16.1306 mills due to Headlee for FY27 unless voters raise it back to the full 17 mills.

Water Sewer Rates have often entered conversations. It is estimated that the average increase will be $6.24 per month.

Significant revenue, 41.28% or $12,259,209, for projects is being covered by grants.

Looking forward to FY2027, pages 74-75 of the budget contain the Action Plan regarding what can be addressed. From there on, readers can review the Proposed 2027 Budget Summary.

City Manager Dye took a moment to share that there are projects which the public would like completed but are cost prohibitive at this time. This begins with the removal or repair of the Trestle Trail Bridge, improving streets and utilities, improvements to the Sports Complex, the Water Street sewer abandonment, the Cook Street drain, and the painting of the Second Street Bridge.

In the end, the City of Allegan's fund balances are solid, but they need to be kept in reserve for unseen needs. The City Council and City Hall staff will continue to be financially responsible and invest. The FY27 balanced budget addresses some of the needs but not all.

Comments

The residents took the podium and shared thoughts. One belief was that this is not a balanced budget because it digs into the city reserves and overspends in some areas while being at one of the higher tax rates in the county.

Several in attendance requested that the council look more carefully at what the residents were being charged because the demographics of the population indicate many with fixed incomes.

A clarification was needed to assure a resident that there is not a tax increase at this time and residents are even paying less than in years past.

Amended Development Grant. A Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 26.16 regarding an Amended Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Community Development Grant was required because 1 property dropped off the original agreement. That leaves three major projects: 116 Locust Street with 4 apartments of which three will be available to low to moderate income residents; 115 Locust St. with 2 apartments of which 1 will be available to low to moderate income renters; and 138 Hubbard St. with 2 apartments of which one will be available to low to moderate income residents. There were no comments during the Public Hearing. The Council approved this amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacy Todd requested that there be a reduced fee for a Celebration of Life at the Griswold that will honor Bob Galloway, husband of Teresa Galloway. The group would like to open the celebration to the city and Bob's friends from other parts of the county.

Thoughts were shared that Allegan needs to bring more foot traffic to downtown. The question came, "What is the mass appeal?" There are great shops downtown, but what can increase people wanting to spend more time?

The Allegan County Food Pantry is having a golf fundraiser. All were encouraged to participate.

Cora Sweet spoke to the over-population on the Riverfront. Because of losing space for vendors, fewer people participate in events. She referred to the limiting of space with things like the swing. She suggested that the space needs to be opened up.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Payables. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $721,073.36 and

payroll in the amount of $147,196.94 for a total disbursement of $868,270.30 was approved.

Revenue and Expenditure Report. Dye reminded the Council that this is just a regular review. If anyone would like more information, contact Finance Director Tracy Stull

Lot Split on Grand Street. The request for approval of a lot split for parcel 51-250-007-00 at 755 Grand Street to create homes was accepted.

Griswold Lounge Improvement. Proposals were requested and the one from Kugelard Property Services, LLC, for the Griswold Improvement Project was approved. City Manager Dye wanted to point out the paragraph, "As a design-build project, the scope and associated costs may be refined as the project progresses. Accordingly, the submitted proposal should be considered a working project estimate rather than a strict not-to-exceed amount." This is to acknowledge the terrazzo material that must be handled properly. The renovation will not begin until after the *Evening with Ryan Hurd & Friends* concert on July 25, 2026.

Bridgeport Apartments. This is information for Council before the group comes to the requesting a 6% PILOT because the residents pay only 30% of their income for rent. The Council can review and discuss the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Bridgeport Apartments. The audit has been completed for the year. The question arose regarding the difference between the PILOT and a normal tax rate to determine what the city may be losing in taxable income.

Riverbank Erosion. A request was made to receive an update on the Kalamazoo Riverbank Erosion and approve a Hold Harmless Agreement between the City of Allegan and Rhoda Yutz-Ryan. The city staff noticed erosion along the Kalamazoo Riverbank near Thoms and Jackson Streets where the river bends toward downtown. This may be because of the removal of trees and other vegetation, but that has not been proven. The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy would like an agreement that there be no more vegetation removed. The city could put up a split rail fence and put up No Parking or Standing signs. Some of the residents would like to see supporting environmental evidence showing that there is truly erosion. The residents are not pleased with the placement of the fence and are worried about bank stabilization. In addition, it is a lovely place to sit and gaze over the Kalamazoo River toward Allegan. Dye shared that the cost would be split with the Land Conservancy. The request passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jon Cook requested to be the city appointment to the Fire District that supports Allegan Township and the City of Allegan. The Council agreed. The commission will need to make an at-large appointment.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dye expressed appreciation for the comments of the residents who came to speak.

Regarding the water utility, Dye pointed out that each residence has meters attached to Water Scope that residents can set up and monitor usage to determine possible leaks.

There are three openings on Planning Commission. This group sets vision on how the town should develop.

The next Council Meeting is May 26, 2026, because of Memorial Day.

When examining the budget, some pieces of information need to be clarified. It is important to come to City Hall and ask for clarification.

ROUNDTABLE

May 16th: ALEgan Beer Fest at the fairgrounds

May 22nd, 8-10am, Council members will be at Trowbridge Plaza for open conversation.

Otsego High School Class of 2026

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Zoe Alkire
Jacob Austin
Madison Back
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Lily Baird
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Baylee Billman
Kylie Blanchard
Lane Blanchard
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Samantha Bonovetz
Hayden Bowe
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Jayden Bradke
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Keri Robrahn
Mayson Roden
Whitman Ruiz
Meredith Schauer
Owen Schmitt
Jayce Selby
Avery Selent
Jose Serrano
Amelia Shattuck
Carter Shattuck
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Constantine Taylor
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Ethan Verdonk
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One Vote Can Change Everything – remember the tie vote in Hopkins

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

If anyone still doubts whether one vote matters, they need only look to what happened last Tuesday in Hopkins, a school district in Allegan County. In what some say was a record turnout, a bond issue did not pass because because someone failed to vote.

Voters were asked to decide on a $110 million school bond proposal to improve school safety, upgrade classrooms, and replace the district's aging middle school. When all the ballots were counted, the result was remarkable: 1,091 votes in favor and 1,091 votes against.

An exact tie.

Because ballot proposals require a majority to pass, the bond failed.

That means a decision affecting the future of an entire school district came down to a single vote. One more person showing up to vote could have changed everything.

If that does not prove the power of one ballot, nothing will.

Local Elections Shape Our Daily Lives

Many people assume that local elections are less important than presidential contests. In reality, decisions made in school, primary and general elections affect nearly every aspect of our lives. To this writer, local; elections are actually much more important than state or national elections. We can't influence what the President of the United States might do or say, but locally you have, if you wish, major say on how officials act.

Voters help decide:

Who serves on school boards

How tax dollars are spent

Whether roads and bridges are repaired

Public safety funding

Local development and zoning decisions

State and federal representation

Although the August Primary and certainly the November General Election are months away, we need to keep in mind the importance of voting.

Primary elections often receive much lower turnout than general elections, yet they can be just as consequential.

In many races, the primary determines which candidates advance to the November ballot. Sometimes the winner of the primary is all but assured of winning the general election.

That means decisions affecting your community may be made by a relatively small number of voters.

When turnout is low, every ballot carries even more weight.

Whether you are concerned about your children's schools, your retirement savings, the cost of living, or the future of your community, elections provide your opportunity to help shape those decisions.

Democracy Works Only When We Participate

Voting is one of the most powerful rights Americans possess. It allows every citizen to have an equal voice, regardless of wealth or status.

The Hopkins bond issue is a vivid reminder that every single vote counts.

One vote can:

Pass or defeat a proposal

Break a tie

Elect a candidate

Change the direction of a community

As the August primary and November general election approach, remember Hopkins.

Remember 1,091 to 1,091.

Remember that history is often shaped by ordinary people who take a few minutes to cast a ballot.

Do not assume others will decide for you.

Do not assume your vote will not matter.

And do not stay home.

Because in America, one vote can make all the difference.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Conspiracy theorists have taken time off from party, gender and the usual run of politics to resummon and oldie-but-goodie, UFOs.

Given the rancor and stridency such said-hot-button

Considering some of the other hot-button topics of sure to generate ranting and rancor, flying saucers are a welcome distraction, especially potential "portals" both real and sham scientists perch on the lip of discovering in remote places provide assurance communication with space aliens, parallel universes and the like might be next.

Per ancient astronaut theorists, aliens have made many cameo in our skies and or even on Earth. Ancient Middle East empires from Egypt to Iran to Saudi Arabia to Turkey, scribes from tribes in Asia and Latin America ... don't forget Australia and Antarctica ... concur we are not alone.

The late 1950s through '70s were boom years for such sightings, soon supporting a cottage industry of quasi-scientific findings to assure readers and their sources. Photographers got paid for and enjoyed the creative challenges of documenting week in and week out, meeting deadlines with still more "evidence" via compelling shots.

Time marches on. Shooters then and now could have used sharper cameras, fewer fuzzy focuses — unless deliberately so — plus photo-doctoring (now quicker, simple and far easier to pass off as real) in creating evidence" audiences and publishers still demand.

Big, bold headlines; still snazzier, dazzling uses of the time's even then fast-evolving tech, make it consistent yet mix it up ... remain valued to this day.

So if such little green creatures from unknown space with communication skills far advanced beyond ours were serious about communicate with earthlings, wouldn't they drop in on Central Park in New York City, or what was once the White House Rose Garden? It never happens.

An extension school holds officials are hiding the real (as opposed to false) truth that the earth is hollow and UFOs used volcanoes or points in the Bermuda Triangle are portals to these bases. Invaders may also have zipped here from the moon's dark side for a look-and-see.

The latest cover-up is that 20 some astrophysicists just vanished with no explanation. Lack of information incubates such suspicious theories.

Now the Statute of Limitations has long expired, I can now confess Cub Scout friends and I had fun foisting a UFO scare of our own. Inflating thin-plastic dry-cleaning bags we could surely find somewhere, release them just before sunset, they would reflect in the light. When we shared shots like we could convince dupes in our hometown aliens were fast enroute.

When the woman at the laundromat asked why we needed the bags, we solemnly said for a science experiment. So on a windless night, inflating the solar-reflecting bags with a Coleman camp stove, at Cape Canaveral, and launched them.

After two nights' trying but not getting reactions we'd hoped for, we neon spray painted and floated our hot-air balloons again. As incentive, we told a card-carrying John Birch Society member we suspected UFOs might be in our area.

He happened to be out that night with binoculars, saw our handiwork and called his mates who immediately radioed local police we were being invaded by little green men from Mars. Father had a police scanner, so we listen in on their frequency.

Soon cops were swarming like Barney Fife on steroids. The newspaper, fortified by one or more bumps from a flask he kept exactly for such purposes, wrote an article placed above the fold on the second section of the next edition.

That led the minister at a small church to launch into pulpit-pounding, semi-Gospel inspired sermons about space aliens so be prepared as the End is night.

When my father shared said reports with ham radio friend, they too went out searching, foregoing, too, checking out TV pro wrestling bouts for a week or two the better to scan the skies.

Then Mrs. Grace Bonesteel from the drycleaning company cut off our plastic bag supplies and next time reporting our naughtiness to the school principal who would put it on our "permanent" "Then you'll be sorry," she said. The "Olds," our parents, were always threatening that permanent-record business, but she scared us so that ended *that* adventure. that was the end of our adventure.

After the UFO scare, police stayed on due lookout for feral J.D.s (Juvenile Delinquents in that time's parlance) toilet-papering (we called it TP'ing) neighbors' trees. Hams resumed watching Hard-Boiled Haggerty and Vern Gagne trading pile-drivers and atomic drops till "fights" ended.

The hoodwinked young cleric was invited to don new vestments in a place more suited to his skills, and Birchers uncovered "New Math" to add "Base 10" in conspiracy folios now bulging to spilling over from bulky briefcases or other means of transport — say backpacks, laptop cases, purses, duffel backs, totes, implanted onto their persons somehow. These might make fun slideshows or sideshows, some sorts of shows at least.

But three hips and one heart transplant, hurray! UFOs are back in vogue. They're resurged since NASA and the Defense (today War) Department confirmed there were things in the sky they could not, at least yet) fully identify. These proved giant balloons or gas bags flying over U.S. soil with "Made in China" labels on them. That or they were spy ships. Can you prove that it *doesn't* matter?

A couple in ultra desert remote Nevada this year claimed 10-foot-tall space aliens had procured visitation rights. This just in: two fighter jets have been reported trying to chase down at least one UFO on our very own state's east side.

Such late-breaking promise of menace feeds our hunger to solve something science can still not fathom.

My theory is some poor mug had to clean out his mother-in-law's basement, came across a big hoard of supermarket tabloid ms we still see sold in store checkout lanes and had the bright idea to check out recycling them for the entertainment if not edification of those still willing to shell out. Or some low-paid newspaper hack trying employ his/her skills making easier moolah on social media.

Just what to do if one of those NIMBY aliens lands in your backyard is clear: dust off Steven's .22-caliber rifle too long left unused and plug him, her or it lest he/she or this unspecifiable-gender creature wastes you first.

Or how like in the movie "ET" we'll be like kids who welcome and protect the cute little outer space dude from the big bad Olds, until he/she/or it is ready to take off and head home again. We can only hope they he/she/it has his/her/its phone camera in hand then.

There is nothing I can do about such yet-unseen creatures, benign or lethal. But what a diversion from all that's grim.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighborhood data centers might not be bad idea

Dear Editor,

Recently, the Kent District Library (KDL) closed all its branches for nearly a week due to a ransomware attack. Canvas has also fallen victim to hackers holding students' school data hostage. It is a horrible situation for KDL and Canvas patrons.

However, the situation got me thinking about what a ransomware attack actually is. Simply put, it's when hackers seize an organization's data and hold it hostage until a ransom is paid.

Typically, when these attacks occur, people are reminded to use strong passwords and two-factor authentication, and to avoid clicking on suspicious emails. This is wise advice. However, those measures won't stop a tin-horn dictator who hosts data centers in his country from holding our information hostage.

This leads to the unpleasant truth about data centers: they are going to be built somewhere. The demand is simply too great.

It has fascinated me to watch the opposition to these centers. Critics never seem to call for a boycott of Microsoft, Google, Apple, Amazon, Facebook, or any other tech giant building them. Such a boycott would be highly effective. Just look at the backlash Cracker Barrel faced when they proposed changing their logo.

Participants of such a boycott would have to abandon Office 365, Google Docs, OneDrive, iCloud, and Google Drive. They would have to stop posting on Facebook, X, YouTube, and TikTok. Online shopping at giants like Amazon or Walmart would be eliminated. Even using AI to generate images or design signage would be off-limits.

Of course, I realize such a boycott won't happen. Too many adults grew up with iPads and Chromebooks in the classroom. Their entire life experience involves putting "stuff on the cloud." I'm not sure many of them even know what a physical hard drive is for.

Which brings us back to the fact that data centers must be built somewhere. Do you really want access to your data governed by a foreign potentate? Do you really want to send your sons and daughters to war to preserve the "free flow of data"?

We have already seen this play out with oil. Do we really want a repeat of that history with your bank, health, or business data?

Perhaps with proper regulation, and in the spirit of "keeping it local," a data center in your neighborhood isn't such a bad idea.

Joseph Schultz

No surprise more money needed to complete ballroom

Dear Editor:

It has come as no surprise to me that we recently learned that the money Trump extorted from the business world will be fall far short of what will be needed to complete his ballroom especially now that he feels he needs to add bullet proofing to the tune of about a billion dollars.

Although it is not hard to imagine a Republican congress willing to raid research and children's food and medical programs to find the money I have a different proposal.

Why don't we just wait until we have a president who is less divisive and doesn't seem to attract the number of assassins this one does and then build it.

David Ohmart

Stop Palisades from restarting

To the Editor:

I'm writing about the urgent need to stop Palisades Nuclear Power Plant from restarting. I've followed this issue for decades, working with many environmental groups and neighborhoods & cities by Palisades to get this troubled plant shut down. Former Senator Fred Upton (St. Joseph) along with the Michigan Public Service Commission forced the shut down of Palisades earlier than proposed in 2022, "because of an abundance of caution, there was control rod failures, and the plant's conditions were dangerous, for all of SW Michigan."

In 2012 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) declared Palisades, after several serious incidents, lawsuits and radioactive leaks since its opening in 1970, "one of the four worst performing nuclear plants in the U.S." In 2013, three of the those plants shut down……

Holtec, a questionable New Jersey company, (N.Y. Times 1/30/24 Holtec $5 million fine), that specializes in closing down nuclear power plants, took ownership of Palisades two years later to clean up buried atomic waste off the beaches and the plant, to complete the decommissioning of this troubled 52 year old plant.

Instead, after not doing the job they were hired to do, they announced, with no public meetings or input in 2024 "Holtec is restarting Palisades, and will run the plant." Holtec has never operated a nuclear power plant, much less the "worst nuclear power plant in the U.S." Many of us that live around the plant were shocked and stunned by this announcement.

Longtime nuclear engineer Arnie Gundersen reported to the NRC in April 2026, that Framatome, Holtec's engineering contractor admitted "the soon to be restart of Palisades atomic reactor cannot operate more than 14.5 months without the probability of burst of dangerously degraded, critical, steam generator tubes." Gundersen went on to report that "Framatome used 50,000 computer runs to try for better results, but determined that Palisades cannot operate safely." Yet, Holtec continues to ignore these and other findings from their own engineering company.

Michigan's big three energy companies, DTE, Great Lakes Energy and Consumers Energy all turned down Holtec's offer to buy power from them when and if they open, Holtec plans to sell to Indiana Power. Why should SW Michiganders have this Time-Bomb in our backyard and on the shores of Lake Michigan?

This is an experiment, a nuclear power plant has Never been restored in the U.S., much less one with an appalling record. It is about waste, fraud and abuse. So far $3.12 Billion dollars of taxpayers monies, with zero oversight has been given to Holtec.

For more information contact: The Environmental coalition opposing the restart of Palisades: Don't Waste Michigan, Michigan Safe Energy Future, Beyond Nuclear & Nuclear Energy Information Services of Chicago.

Priscilla Massie

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Obituaries

James Duryee

James Duryee of Hopkins, MI, passed on Sunday, May 3, 2026. James was born to his late parents Everett and Lilian (Puschel) Duryee on July 16, 1946. James was an accomplished maintenance man working for his father's Mobile Gas Station in Hopkins before transitioning to the Allegan General Hospital for 27 years before he retired. Outside of work, James was a lifetime member at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hopkins. He loved to serve and was the caregiver for both his mother and aunt

James Duryee

Vivian Roberts before they passed. James loved to fish and take his camper on camping trips throughout Michigan. He also was a Ford Truck enthusiast and believed it was the only truck to own.

He is survived by many cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

James's funeral service will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM with an hour's visitation from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM all at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2907 24th Street, Hopkins, MI 49328. A graveside service to follow at Maplewood Cemetery.

Susan Meade

Susan Meade (née McBride), age 84, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2026, in Byron Center, Michigan. Born on May 8, 1941, in Hopkins, Michigan, Susan lived a life filled with love, dedication, and creativity.

Susan was a devoted mother of six children and spent her early years as a stay-at-home mom until her youngest child reached middle school. She then embarked on a career that showcased her remarkable skills as a seamstress. Susan worked at Kessler in Wayland until its closure and later joined the team at Big Top (Harding's) Market in Plainwell, where she worked behind the meat counter. She concluded her professional journey as a seamstress at Haworth in Allegan.

Known for her warmth and generosity, Susan touched many lives through her talents and hobbies. She was celebrated for her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls, which brought joy

Susan Meade

to family and friends alike. In her younger years, she was an avid bowler who enjoyed the camaraderie of the sport. Her passion for sewing extended beyond her career; she loved to knit and crochet, often creating winter hats and mittens to donate to local elementary schools—a testament to her caring spirit.

Susan is survived by her children: Pamela Meade of Grandville, MI; Kimberly (Jack) Templin of Allegan, MI; Debora Meade of Otsego, MI; Allen (Sonya) Meade Jr. of Dew, TX; Sheila Lively of Plainwell, MI; and Tammie (Aisake) Cava of Lincoln Park, MI. She also leaves behind ten grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren who will cherish her memory. Additionally, Susan is survived by her siblings Richard (Pat) McBride and Beverly Berge.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Allen G. Meade Sr., as well as several brothers and sisters.

Susan's legacy is one of love, kindness, and selflessness. Her contributions to her family and community will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

In accordance with Susan's wishes, she will be cremated. A service and memorial will be held at a later date at Fort Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trillium Woods Faith Hospice of Byron Center.

May Susan's memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

Donald Jay Calkins

Donald Jay Calkins, 63, of Heath Township, MI passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 in Avery Township. Born September 10, 1962 in Grand Rapids, he was the son of Kathleen Jean (Lantin) Calkins and the late Earl E. Calkins. Donald was an avid collector, especially of coins and teacups, and enjoyed going to local antique shows. He loved to travel and visit lighthouses and spend time at his cottage at Grand Lake.

In addition to his mother, Jean, Donald is survived by his brothers,

Donald Jay Calkins

Bill (Marlane) Calkins and David (Ruthe) Calkins; nephews, Matthew (Thomas Guillot) Calkins and Michael Calkins; step nephews, Glenn (Tiffany) Ftacek and Jeffrey (Brook) Ftacek; five step great-nephews and great-nieces; and his special friend, Kathy Kraft.

The family will receive friends at Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel, on Friday, May 15, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM and a funeral service will begin at 2:00 PM. Donald will be laid to rest privately at Evergreen Cemetery in Alpena on Monday, May 18, 2026. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Robert "Bobby" Lee Galloway

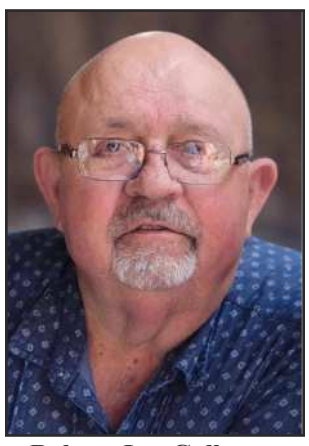
Robert "Bobby" Lee Galloway, age 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Allegan on May 7, 2026, after a long battle with illness.

He was the youngest of four children born to Fred and Francis Irene (Munn) Galloway on April 28, 1950, in Plainwell, Michigan.

Bobby was a hard worker who truly enjoyed life. He was full of love and laughter. As a teenager, he would drive the farm tractor into town to plow snow from driveways — sometimes for money, but often simply to help others. In later years, he upgraded to a truck, turning snowplowing into a business while still lending a hand whenever someone was in need. He had a caring soul and a giving heart.

During the early years of his career, Bobby worked at several factories. In 1991, he found the work he loved most when he began building high-tensile fencing through Allegan Co-op. That opportunity led him to start his own business, Bob's Fence. Over time, he expanded into all types of fencing projects. Bobby took great pride in his work and was known for his attention to detail and dedication to making his customers happy.

Bobby also took his second job very seriously and loved every minute of it. He served as head starter at Crystal Raceway, Kalamazoo Speedway, Berlin Raceway, Hartford Speedway, and Galesburg Speedway. At one time, he even threw flags over the Martin 131 Oval track — though he would proudly remind everyone, "Flagmen work on the roads!" Racing ran deep in his family, and at times his brother and nephew served as his assistant starters. Over the years, he had the opportunity to meet and work with NASCAR drivers including Dale Earnhardt Sr., Bill Elliott, Kyle Petty, Morgan Shepherd, and many others. Outside of racing, Bob also spent many years delivering propane to vendors at the Allegan County Fair, where he became a familiar and dependable face to many. In more recent years, he worked the track during harness racing.



Robert Lee Galloway

No matter where life took him, Bob built lasting friendships, and many of those friends became like family.

For many years, Bobby enjoyed trips up north with family to his brother's cabin for hunting, relaxation, and maybe a few beers. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing, and keeping a beautiful yard while he was able. One of his greatest joys was spending time in his backyard pool with nieces, nephews, family, neighbors, and friends — usually with a Busch Light or two nearby.

In 1989, Bobby married the love of his life, Teresa Ann Jones. Together they shared 37 wonderful years filled with love and memories. They were always by each other's side, doing nearly everything together — perhaps "too much," some would say — but Bobby wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Together they golfed, bowled, worked at local racetracks, visited NASCAR tracks, and spent many weeks in Florida on Pine Island with his sister and brother-in-law. They also enjoyed many trips with Teresa's family.

Bobby was a devoted husband, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to everyone he met. He held a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews and loved teasing them whenever he had the chance. It was often said, "If you don't want the truth, don't ask Bob for his opinion," because he never sugar-coated anything. One niece would add, " sometimes you didn't even have to ask — he would tell you anyway."

Known as the neighborhood watch, Bobby always knew when neighbors came and went. A few years ago, when golf carts became legal to drive in the city of Allegan, Bob made sure to get one. On beautiful days, he could often be found cruising the neighborhood, visiting neighbors, chatting with street workers, and finding out the latest news around town. He was a very social person, and most mornings you could find him at the local restaurant having coffee with "the guys" — his buds.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife and caregiver, Teresa; his siblings, George (Joyce) Galloway of Gobles, Sue Lovett of Otsego, and Fred (Deb) Galloway of Belding; his brother-in-law, Tim Curry; and sisters-in-law Georgia (Tim) Meade and Kelly Germain, all of Allegan. He is also survived by many aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless special friends. Along with his special family of cats, who are badly grieving him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, George and Gloria Jones; sister-in-law Delores Galloway; brother-in-law John Lovett; great-niece Rebecca Galloway; sister-in-law Judy Curry; and foster brother Bob Hare.

Honoring Bobby's wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Rowe Cemetery on 42nd Street in Cheshire Township, between 110th Avenue and 112th Avenue. Immediately following the service, a luncheon will be held in the lower level of the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan.

In honor of Robert Galloway's life and legacy, memorial contributions may be made to the Otsego District Library - Irene Galloway Endowment Fund through the Allegan County Community Foundation. Gifts to this fund will continue supporting the library and its lasting impact on the community for generations to come. Checks can be payable to ACCF, with Galloway in the memo line.

Letters to the Editor

Reader appreciates data center editorial

Dear Mr. Wilcox,

I would like to Thank you for your honest and balanced assessment of the Dorr Data Center problem in your Editorial of Apr. 30th. I especially like the line. "Data Centers are essential, But that doesn't mean they belong everywhere." People moved to Dorr for the PEACE and Quiet of small town living NOT, because they thought it would become an INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX . I'm sorry if the People on the township boards are finding the job harder than they signed up for, but they did sign-up. So, Get help with the job and do the best you can.

I also, want to commend the Editors of the TOWNBROADCAST for stepping up and informing the public. Our area has needed this kind of dedication for years. Good Work and Thank You.

Concerned Citizen ,
Sandra Smith

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LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by Gorden Funeral Residence. Each month, LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your own grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help someone around you who may have recently lost their somebody.

Triggers… Sneaky, and nasty! These buggers have the ability to cause you, a "stop right now" type of trauma. If you are like me as of lately, I hear a song, see a photo, and the eyeballs become waterfalls! Even the other day I saw a cereal box… Yes! A cereal box of all things, my Mom loved turtles, and it had a cartoon of one on the box. I wanted to buy it, and take it over to her house. But I cant…. She's not there…

Triggers are real. But they do not have to rule you. You can rise above. Its gonna take time. A wiser than me person once told me this, "Everything is temporary, and the length of the thing is based on the attention you give to it." Thats a powerful truth. If we can just realize this, then we can move forward. Here are a few suggestions on how you can stomp these triggers:

- Relax, cut yourself some slack!
- Find an empty parking spot, and yell! Cuss, let it out!
- Laugh.
- Be human!

Get my point. Other things that for me work every time.

- Pray, remind myself of scripture. (Phil.4:13, Is.26:3&54:17)
- Talk to someone.
- Look in a mirror and encourage yourself.

Next time the wave hits you, try this. I have done all these and will continue to, as these have become useful and effective for me as I continue, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

Gorden Funeral Residence

Library Brings 'Unearth a Story' to Fennville's May 22 Fourth Friday

By Art Nicholas

The Fennville District Library and its Friends group take the lead at the next Fourth Fridays in Fennville on Friday, May 22, drawing the community downtown from 5 to 7 p.m. for an evening built around the theme "Unearth a Story" — a teaser for the library's annual summer reading program.

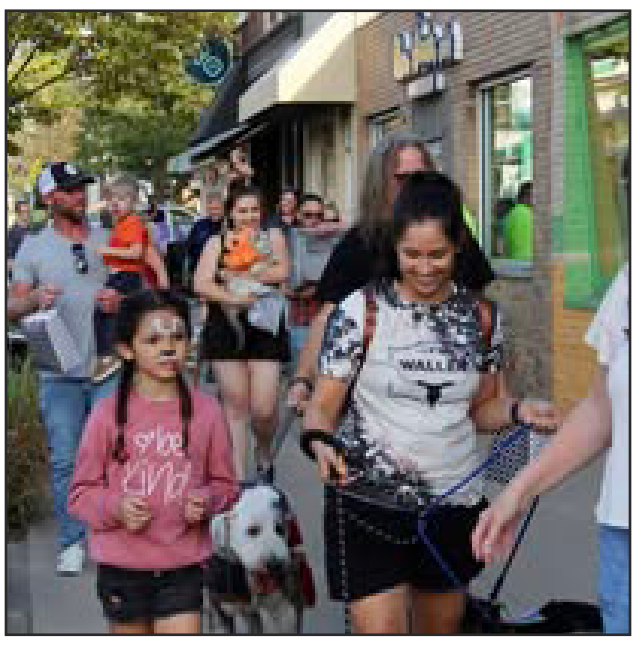
May's gathering follows April 24's season-opening Earth Day Celebration hosted by the Fennville Women's Club, and continues a 2026 series in which a different community organization takes the lead each month. Backing for the May 22 event comes from the Friends of the Library and the Fennville Downtown Development Authority.

"This event serves as a 'teaser' to our summer program, which is themed 'Unearth a Story,'" said Krysta VanDyke, who co-chairs the summer reading program with Julia Bruesch. "If we generate some enthusiasm now, we'll have great participation when we officially kick off our program on June 8. Save the date!"

A Coffee Clutch with a Local Author

New this year, Fennville author Joan Donaldson will host an intimate "Coffee Clutch" inside the Root Café — a chance for neighbors to gather over coffee and conversation with one of the area's most accomplished literary voices.

Donaldson is the author of several historical novels, including her latest, Ae Fond Kiss, and has published dozens of personal essays in The Christian Science Monitor and other magazines. This March, her essay "Sand" was selected for On an Inland Sea, an essay collection assembled by Michael Welch, editor-in-chief of The Chicago Book Review. She also recently learned that her novel manuscript Smooth Stones took third place in the Historical Novel Society's First Chapter Contest in the 17th–18th century category — a recognition that places her work among a competitive international field.



The Coffee Clutch reflects what Fourth Fridays does best: pulling a nationally published voice off the page and into a neighborhood café, where readers can ask the questions they'd never get to ask at a book signing. Expect candid talk about the writing life, the long road from manuscript to bound novel, and the West Michigan landscape that has shaped much of Donaldson's work.

"I'm always honored to be asked to share my story about being an author with others, especially in our community," Donaldson said.

Seating is limited, and registration is required. To reserve a spot, stop by the Fennville District Library or call 269-561-5050.

Beyond the Coffee Clutch, activities and participating businesses will line Main Street throughout the evening for all to enjoy. Grab a lawn chair and settle in at the amphitheater from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for music from the Fennville High School jazz band.

The Rest of the 2026 Lineup

"Downtown Fennville is a place where community, culture, and countryside converge — which is exemplified by our Fourth Friday series," said Kathryn Beemer, Fennville city manager. "We invite all to come downtown and gather with neighbors and visitors to enjoy our downtown."

After May, the Fourth Fridays series continues downtown, with each evening hosted by a different community partner around its own theme:

- Friday, June 26 — Fennville on the Run Annual Color Run (host: FHS Cross-Country)
- Friday, July 24 — 250th Independence Celebration (host: "Ben Franklin")
- Friday, August 28 — Pet Palooza (host: K-Nine Pet Grooming)
- Friday, October 23 — Pumpkin Palooza (hosts: Overhiser Orchards and BlackHawk Farms)

All Fourth Fridays in Fennville run from 5 to 7 p.m. in the downtown area. For more information, visit fennville.gov/fourthfridays or follow Fourth Fridays in Fennville on Facebook.

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Laketown Board approves new adjustable EZ Beach Steps

Installation at beach will likely occur after Labor Day

The Laketown Township Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead for new stairs to be installed at Laketown Beach, though that most likely won't happen until after September.

The board on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, authorized Manager Stephanie Fox to sign a contract with Lakeshore Concepts LLC of Holland to install adjustable aluminum stairs known as EZ Beach Steps through the area called "The Bowl" for no more than $210,255.

EZ Beach Steps can be raised or lowered as the dune changes.

The board wants the stairs to be installed as soon as possible, but Lakeshore Concepts said installation, which will take about three weeks, will most likely be after Labor Day and before Nov. 25.

The township has been discussing new steps for more than a year.

The previous set of wooden steps, built 32 years ago, was closed in March 2025 due to safety concerns. The steps were removed in May of that year and new fencing added in June to keep visitors off the dunes to prevent further erosion at the beach, 6710 142nd Ave.

The area set for stairs at Laketown Township Beach, 6710 142nd Ave., on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, is to the left between the orange fencing. The old steps, removed last year, were located on the dune on the right.

The parks and recreation commission received bids in September ranging from $117,000 to $372,000 for the new steps.

In December, the township board tabled the recommendation from the parks commission to use Lakeshore Concepts over cost concerns.

The parks commission on March 18, 2026, again asked the township board to fund the EZ Beach Steps from the top of the dune down an area called "The Bowl" to the Lake Michigan shore.

On April 8, the board chose Lakeshore Concepts for, at the time, $196,500 to install adjustable aluminum beach stairs. The cost has increased since the bid was submitted last year.

The board hoped to have them installed by Memorial Day, but the timeline was not possible.

The township has plans for other improvements in three phases throughout the park using state grants, if approved.

The grants

The township applied for two grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources:

One application is for a $150,000 Passport Grant. The grant would help fund steps at the top of the dune and a 10-foot-by-32-foot viewing platform, benches and signage. It also would pay for dune restoration plantings of grass, trees and shrubs.

The stairs, platform and plantings are Phase 2 of a three-phase project.

The other application is for a $371,200 Trust Fund Grant. The money would help fund Phase 2 except the platform area. It would also include steps from the parking lot up the dune and timber barrier fencing in the parking area and entrance. This is Phase 3.

The township will be notified by the end of the year if it receives the grants.

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Accident simulation teaches students disaster preparation

By Gari Voss

The afternoon of Monday, May 11, 2026, brought an enactment of a car crash to the parking lot behind Allegan High School. The accident brought not only what occurs at an accident scene, but the follow-up of the reality and consequences for those involved as they negotiate the legal system.

When the accident occurred, 911 was called and the Allegan Police and Fire Department responded. The police informed the fire department that there were injured subjects inside the vehicles, and the doors would not open. The passenger of the first car could to be carefully assisted from the car and moved to the ambulance.

While the fire department began their work to remove the driver's door of the victim's car, Officer Luyk took the driver of the other vehicle and began sobriety checks for signs of intoxication from alcohol or controlled substances. This included the horizontal gaze that checks for involuntary jerking of the eyes that happens during impairment.

The next stages of the field sobriety test included balance and focus tests like the walk and turn test then the one legged stand. These are to look for clues of impairment or intoxication. The physical tests were followed by a breath test. The teen driver was placed under arrest for being intoxicated. After being cuffed, the subject was taken to the hospital for a blood alcohol test.

The fire department used tools including the jaws of life to remove the driver's door and get the injured subject out of the car. Once the door was removed, the EMTs secured the subject to a backboard and transferred him to the gurney for the ambulance ride to the hospital.

A simulated car crash brought the Allegan Police and Fire Departments to Allegan High School on Monday, May 11, 2026. It took specialty tools and the jaws of life to extract the victim from the vehicle. Photo: Rob Patin

The ambulance sped off with both victims of the crash. They would be checked at the hospital for injuries.

The fire unit stayed behind to clean up the scene. Wreckers would be called to remove the vehicles.

Once the accident scene was complete, the students went inside to meet with the attorneys who would handle the case. The students were able to learn about the legal system as it relates to a car accident and ask questions.

In addition, Rebecca and Matthew Seifried bravely shared their experience of their young daughter being killed by an impaired driver. The reality was emotional as it accentuated the consequences of driving drunk or "buzzed".

During the follow-up session to the car crash on May 11, 2026, at Allegan High School, the students learned about the arrest process and the court proceedings from the police and prosecutors. Rebecca and Matthew Seifried (left) shared their story of how their baby was killed by a drunk driver. Jonathan Blair and Jessica Winsemius (Right) shared information from the prosecutor's vantage point. The process can be complicated and rather scary. Photo: Rob Patin

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application for a data center. Due to the moratorium, they could not accept an application at this time, and officials are not aware of any current interest in building one.

Regarding the BESS, VanDenBerg lamented that Public Act 233 (PA233) forced the township to draft a BESS ordinance, and review the BESS projects. If the township rejects the BESS application, those behind the project can appeal the decision to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). The MPSC has the authority from PA233 to overule local authorities and approve the project.

VanDenBerg went on to say that if a BESS project was approved, it would be under a Special Use Permit. Normally, if a business does not comply with the conditions of such a permit, the township has the authority to revoke it and shut down the operation.

However, VanDenBerg recently learned that Public Act 234 (PA234) prohibits townships from pulling permits on wind, solar, and BESS projects. The only recourse for a township is to ticket and fine the business for non-compliance.

PA 233 and 234 were passed in 2023 by the Michigan Legislature to help facilitate reaching Governor Gretchen Whitmer's goal of having 100% of energy produced in Michigan to come from renewable sources. Governor Whitmer also appointed all the current members of the MPSC.

Currently, the BESS project is before the Planning Commission, who has set some requirements for approval of the permit. Those requirements are being reviewed by the township's attorney. Once that review is complete, the Planning Commission will decide on the recommendation it will make to the township board.

Tornado Recovery

Several issues arose regarding the township's ongoing recovery from the tornado. Supervisor VanDenBerg recommended that the Planning Commission make changes to the township's camper ordinance.

Currently, the camper ordinance only allows for people to live in a camper for two weeks. VanDenBerg would like that timeframe extended for emergencies, as some residents are currently living in campers in violation of the ordinance, due to their homes being damaged by the tornado.

VanDenBerg noted that the township is not currently enforcing the ordinance because no one has filed a complaint. He expressed hope that residents "would not complain about their neighbors" during this difficult time.

The township fire chief also asked the board to be more lenient regarding burn permits. He stated that some residents have a significant amount of debris and would like to burn large quantities all at once, rather than in the small piles currently permitted.

The board noted that they may have to get approval from EGLE. They also took the opportunity to announce a clean-up day on May 16.

County Commissioner Report

District #5 County Commissioner Gale Dugan reported that the county commissioners have approved placing the Senior Millage on the ballot. Dugan also discussed how the county is assisting with the removal of debris left behind by the tornado. Additionally, Dugan put forth a call for foster care volunteers, noting that 180 children currently need homes.

Hall Rental

The board voted to waive the hall rental fee to a group of residents who wanted to hold informational meetings about the BESS and data centers.

Transparency

During board comments, Trustee Dana Albertson-Stowell addressed the mistrust she felt the community has toward the township board. Albertson-Stowell suggested changing the agenda format to allow the board to answer questions from the public directly. Clerk Martha Meert echoed this suggestion.

Residents also requested that special meetings be held after 6:00 pm to ensure more people are able to attend. There was a further suggestion to hold a joint town hall meeting featuring the board, the planning commission, and the residents. No date has yet been set for such a meeting.

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Community Volunteer Hopkins Public Schools

- Mindy Laarman — Long-term Substitute Teacher, Sycamore Elementary
- Jennifer Reynolds — Paraprofessional, Hopkins Elementary
- Kimberly Bollone — Business Office Manager

Martin Public Schools

- Steve Kennedy — Director of Operations
- Alan Walker — Food Service Director
- Lauren Mathis-Hamelink — Social Studies Teacher, Middle/High School

Otsego Public Schools

- Autumn VanLiere — Office Aide, Dix Street Elementary
- Heather Sokoloski — Math Teacher, Middle School
- Beth Zartman — ELA Teacher, Middle School

Plainwell Community Schools

- Julie Jackson – Special Education Aide, Starr Elementary
- Caitlin Bunker – Young 5's Teacher, Starr Elementary
- Noel Muselin – RISE Academy Teacher, Middle School

Wayland Union Schools

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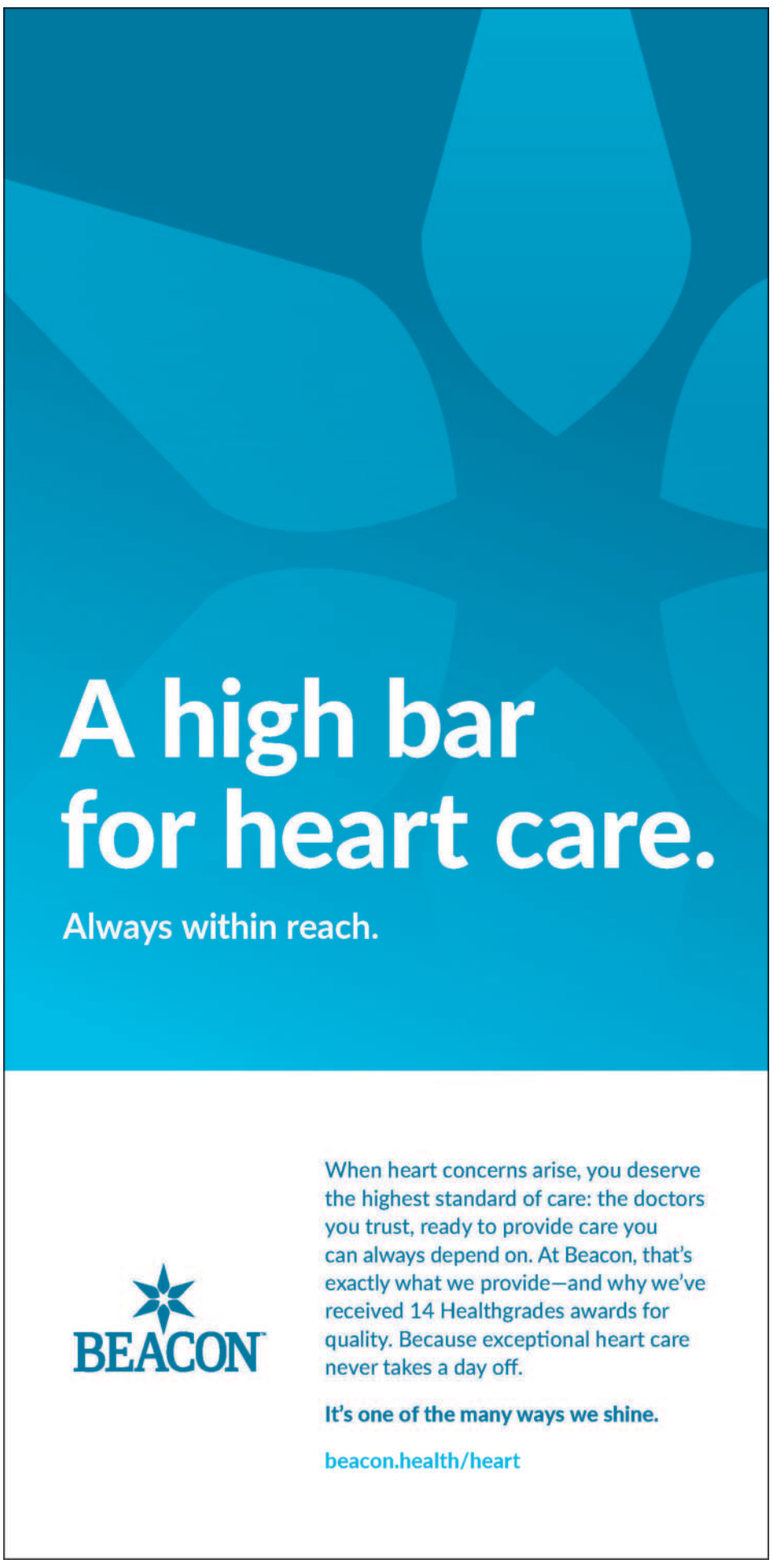
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Allegan tennis secures another SAC/Lakeland title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan girls tennis team continued its run atop the SAC/Lakeland Conference on Friday.

The Tigers captured their fourth straight conference championship, doing so in dominant fashion at the conference tournament by winning seven of the eight flights and finishing runner-up in the other.

Allegan finished 23-1 overall in matches during the tournament and lost just three total sets across the entire day.

Allegan coach Damien Arthur said the team's focus entering the tournament centered around one word.

"Our word of the day was grit, because we knew that is what it would take to win a conference championship," Arthur said. "This group showed that grit from the first match of the day all the way through the final points."

Arthur pointed to the No. 2 doubles flight as one of the highlights of the day, as Hanna Kievit and Taylor Fuller battled through a third-set match to secure another conference title.

"One of the big highlights of the day came from 2 doubles, Hanna Kievit and Taylor Fuller, who fought through some struggles and won a third-set thriller to secure their fourth individual conference title of their careers," Arthur said.

Also winning flights titles for Allegan were Camdyn Drozd at No. 2 singles, Kendall Halstead at No. 3 singles, Ava Thompson at No. 4 singles, the No. 1 doubles team of Ireland Dewey and Madison Cook, the No. 3 doubles team of Sophia Augustine and Emma Scheffler and the No. 4 doubles team of Kaylee Haas and Hailey Gauthier.

Addy Fales added a runner-up finish at No. 1 singles.

"We also want to give a huge shoutout to Camdyn Drozd, Kendall Halstead, Ava Thompson, Ireland Dewey, Madison Cook, Kaylee Haas and Hailey Gauthier on winning their first individual conference championships," Arthur said.

The conference title capped an impressive regular season for the Tigers, who finished 22-0 overall in dual matches while also winning three tournaments and setting multiple school records.

Arthur said this year's team has combined experienced leadership with younger players stepping into major roles.

"This team reminds me a little bit of our 2023 team because it has a great mixture of experienced players and talented younger players," Arthur said. "We have seniors who have been in big matches before and understand what it takes, but we also have younger girls stepping into important roles and competing with a lot of confidence.

"That balance has been a big part of our success."

Arthur said the latest conference title carried additional meaning because of the role the senior class has played in building the program over the past four years.

For the fourth straight season, the Allegan girls tennis team finished atop the SAC/Lakeshore Conference. (Photo provided)

"This title means a lot because of the group we have this year, especially our seniors," Arthur said. "They have been a huge part of building and maintaining the standard of Allegan girls tennis over the last four years.

"To win four straight conference championships is not easy, and this senior group has played a major role in making that happen through their leadership, consistency and commitment to the program."

Arthur added that the team's success has come from the work players put in throughout the year and the way they compete for one another.

"These girls sacrifice a lot to make this kind of success happen," he said. "Winning a conference title is always special, but seeing this group do it together, and seeing our seniors continue to lead the way, makes this one feel really meaningful."

Bulldogs edge past Trojans in key rivalry showdown

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Rivalry matches between Otsego and Plainwell are usually tight, physical and emotional.

Wednesday night's girls soccer showdown was no different.

Valeria Verdin scored late in the first half and the Bulldogs made the lead stand up the rest of the way in a 2-1 win over the rival Trojans in a key Wolverine Conference matchup.

The win moved the Bulldogs into sole possession of first place in the conference standings at the time. Otsego later capped an unbeaten 7-0 league season with a 7-1 win over Three Rivers on Monday, May 11, clinching its second straight Wolverine Conference title.

Otsego sophomore Valeria Verdin (14) scored what proved to be the winning goal for the Bulldogs in a 2-1 victory over Plainwell. (Photo by Tim Beason)

Otsego improved to 10-1-1 overall with the win over Plainwell.

The Bulldogs controlled much of the early play with their possession-oriented attack and broke through in the 13th minute when Olivia Witteveen scored off a corner kick to give Otsego a 1-0 lead.

Otsego coach Levi Butcher said the Bulldogs focused on using the width of the field entering the matchup.

"Our wide space is a point we really hammered home this week during training," Butcher said. "We knew Plainwell tends to do a really good job of shutting down the central areas."

Verdin delivered what proved to be the game-winning goal with less than two minutes remaining in the opening half.

After winning the ball in the attacking third, the sophomore fired a shot into the upper corner of the net to put Otsego ahead 2-0.

"What an absolute wonder strike that was," Butcher said. "Our team may have some big names, but our sophomore delivered the game-winner on an absolute banger."

Plainwell answered quickly.

Just seconds later, freshman Anna Eldred scored to cut the deficit to 2-1 heading into halftime.

The Trojans pushed for the equalizer throughout the second half and created pressure late, including a free kick opportunity just outside the Otsego penalty area in the closing minutes.

But the Bulldogs held on from there.

"Otsego beat us in play and they moved the ball much better than we did," Plainwell coach Garry Snyder said. "The first half, we were just chasing them around."

The matchup also served as another reminder of the strength at the top of the Wolverine Conference, with both teams expected to be factors during postseason play. The Bulldogs and Trojans are part of a loaded district that also includes Gull Lake, Grand Rapids South Christian and Thornapple Kellogg.

Otsego reached the district title game last season and returns much of that core, while Plainwell has continued to build around returning standout Alayna Eldred and a younger group that includes Anna Eldred.

"We knew it was going to be a dog fight," Butcher said. "These are the two top dogs in the conference."

Otsego earns home sweep over Vikings

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Host Otsego picked up a softball doubleheader sweep over Hopkins on Friday, May 8, earning a 10-0 win in the opener before following with a 14-5 victory in the nightcap.

The Bulldogs combined for 24 hits across the two games, while Hopkins was led by several strong individual performances at the plate despite the losses.

In the opener, Otsego used a balanced offensive attack and a dominant pitching performance from Audrey Lingbeek to secure the shutout win.

Lingbeek struck out 11 and allowed just two hits over six innings in the circle.

At the plate, Otsego scored two runs in the first inning, four in the third and two each in the fourth and sixth.

Lingbeek led the charge, going 3-for-4 with a double, a triple , four runs and two RBI. Rylee Knash and Alyvia Farrell each went 2-for-3 with a run. Farrell also had an RBI.

Addy Lucas added a double and three runs.

Hopkins managed two hits, with singles from Claire Washburn and Kelsey Burgess.

The second game featured more offense from both teams, though Otsego again pulled away thanks to a big third inning.

The Vikings scored in the top of the third to take a 3-2 advantage, but the Bulldogs answered with nine runs in the bottom of the frame.

A three-run triple from Mikayla Bateman and a two-run double from Lucas were the big hits of the inning for Otsego.

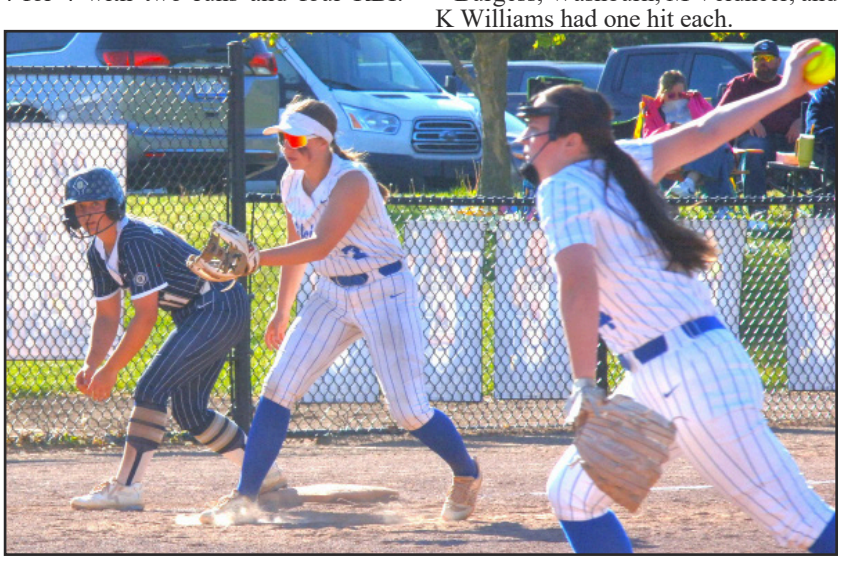
The Bulldogs collected 13 hits in the 14-5 victory, with Bateman going 4-for-4 with two runs and four RBI. Lucas went 3-for-4 with three runs and three RBI.

Lingbeek and Knash each went 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI, while Knash drove in two runs.

Lucas also earned the win in the circle, striking out eight in the complete-game effort.

Hopkins totaled six hits in the second game, including a 2-for-2 effort with a home run from J. Wood. She had two runs and three RBI.

Burgess, Washburn, M Veldheer, and K Williams had one hit each.



Otsego and Hopkins met in a non-league doubleheader on Friday, May 8. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Boys Track and Field

The Wolverine Conference Track & Field Championship Meet on Friday, May 8, in Vicksburg featured several standout performances from local athletes.

Otsego senior Alex Robbins was at the forefront of that.

Robbins took home the titles in both the shot put and discus, adding to his already impressive resume. He helped the Bulldogs place fourth as a team.

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Otsego girls place second at Wolverine Conference meet

The Otsego girls were second in the 4x800 at the league meet.

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

VICKSBURG — Powered by a dominant distance crew and strong performances in the throwing events, the Otsego girls track and field team placed second Friday at the Wolverine Conference Championships hosted by Vicksburg High School.

The Bulldogs finished with 141 points, trailing only champion Sturgis, which totaled 153.5. Plainwell placed seventh with 55 points.

Otsego's distance runners led the way throughout the evening.

Adelyn Verhage won the 800-meter run in a personal-best 2:21.74, while teammate Skylar Mejeur placed second in 2:24.36 and Taylee Fox added a fifth-place finish with a personal-best 2:28.43.

In the 1,600, Alayna Verhage placed second with a personal-best 5:16.67, just ahead of Mejeur, who took fourth in a personal-best 5:21.47. Rebekah Stachura added a sixth-place finish.

The Bulldogs also had a strong showing in the 3,200, where Alayna Verhage finished second in a personal-best 11:21.48 and Addelyn Sabatke took third with a personal-best 11:26.47. Stachura added a seventh-place finish.

Otsego's 4x800 relay team of Adelyn Verhage, Mejeur, Sabatke and Alayna Verhage placed second in 9:41.58.

Olivia Klimp also turned in a standout day for the Bulldogs, placing second in the 100 hurdles in 16.12 and winning the 300 hurdles with a personal-best 47.94.

In the field events, Audrey Holmes captured the conference title in the shot put with a personal-best throw of 36-8, while Madden Fitzpatrick placed second with a personal-best 35-11. Josie Dennis added a sixth-place finish with a personal-best mark of 32-8.

Fitzpatrick also placed second in the discus with a personal-best toss of 115-3, while Holmes finished fifth.

Other top efforts for Otsego included Kyla Haak placing third in the 400 with a personal-best 1:02.02, the 4x400 relay team taking second in 4:13.94 and Rylee Norris posting a personal-best time in the 100 hurdles.

Plainwell was led by several strong individual performances, including a runner-up finish from Alayna Ranney in the 100 dash with a time of 12.68.

Mai Nguyen added a third-place finish in the 1,600 with a personal-best 5:18.27 and later placed fourth in the 3,200 with another personal-best time of 11:29.88.

The Trojans also received a fourth-place finish from the 4x200 relay team of Delainey Poel, Sylar Luckett, Lillian Szatkowski and Evangeline Coutu, which posted a 1:50.86.

Blackhawk softball drops pair of twin bills

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PARCHMENT—The Fennville softball team played two of the better teams in the SAC last week, traveling to Parchment on Thursday, May 7, after hosted South Haven on Tuesday, May 5.

The Blackhawks fell to Parchment by scores of 16-0 and 13-0. Hayden Johnson had the lone Fennville hit of the evening.

Johnson also had a hit against South Haven, which won by scores of 17-1 and 16-0.

Veda Stewart had two hits against the Rams.

Cook, Robbins lead Otsego boys track

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

VICKSBURG—Behind strong performances from Jack Cook and Alex Robbins, the Otsego boys track and field team placed fourth at the Wolverine Conference Championships on Friday, May 8.

The Bulldogs finished with 92 points, while Plainwell placed seventh with 48. Three Rivers won the conference title with 138 points.

Cook turned in one of the top individual performances of the day, winning both the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash. The junior clocked a 22.16 in the 200 and added a 49.76 in the 400.

Cook was also part of the winning 4x200 relay team (1:29.48) along with Ezekiel Andrina, Roman Mitchell and Sam Cook.

Robbins swept the throwing events for Otsego, winning the shot put with a personal-best toss of 58 feet and taking first in the discus at 162-2.

Other top finishes for the Bulldogs included Ryan Long placing second in the 3200 in a personal-best 9:56.93, Dominick Town taking third in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 19-4.75 and the 4x800 relay team of Ty Oaks, Long, Kenny Sheffer and George Whitaker placing third in 8:15.06.

Plainwell was led by Sawyer Lilly, who placed third in both the shot put and discus. Lilly threw 51-10 in the shot put and 143-3 in the discus.

The Trojans also received a runner-up finish from Blake Boerman in the pole vault, where he cleared a personal-best 12-6. Loehn Luckett tied for fifth in the event at 12-0.

On the track, Trent Hansen placed third in the 400 with a personal-best 51.56, while Braeden Asbeury added a sixth-place finish in the event.

Fennville soccer posts 0-1-3 mark for week

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—It was a busy week for the Fennville girls soccer team.

The Blackhawks played four games in seven days from Tuesday, May 5, through Monday, May 11, going 0-1-3 during that span.

The most recent of those contests was a scoreless tie with host Watervliet. Leslie Hernandez stopped every shot she faced for the shutout.

On Friday, May 8, the Blackhawks tied visiting Lawton 2-2.

Gia Salazar and Nidia Villalobos each scored once for Fennville.

The Blackhawks also lost 3-0 to South Haven on Wednesday, May 7, after tying Bridgman 1-1 the previous day.

Against Bridgman, Kimberly Mendoza Huynh accounted for the lone Fennville goal.

Hopkins baseball takes pair

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GRAND RAPIDS — Kellen Ford and Trent Smith turned in dominant performances on the mound Tuesday as Hopkins swept a baseball doubleheader from NorthPointe Christian.

Ford struck out 15 in a complete-game one-hitter as the Vikings won the opener 4-0. Smith followed that up with a complete-game three-hit shutout with 12 strikeouts in Hopkins' 6-0 victory in the nightcap.

Hopkins scored three runs in the top of the first inning of the opener and Ford made the lead hold up the rest of the way.

Hopkins added another run in the fourth inning to cap the scoring.

Ford allowed just one hit and one walk over seven innings while throwing 62 strikes among his 94 pitches.

The Vikings finished with six hits offensively.

Michael Woollam doubled, while Ford and Smith each singled and drove in a run.

The Vikings completed the sweep in game two behind another strong pitching effort from Smith.

Smith allowed just three hits and did not walk a batter while striking out 12 in seven innings.

Hopkins broke a scoreless tie with two runs in the fourth inning before adding four more in the fifth.

Brayden Smigiel collected two hits and scored twice, while Woollam doubled and scored a run.

Plainwell soccer wins two games

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—For the second time in four days, the Plainwell girls soccer team took a break from Wolverine Conference action to play a non-league match when the Trojans hosted Covenant Christian on Monday, May 11.

And for the second time in four days, Plainwell collected a non-league victory.

Goals from Anna Eldred and Ella Pettik coupled with a stingy defensive effort resulted in a 2-0 win for the Trojans.

Olivia Ranger was credited with the shutout in goal.

On Friday, May 8, Plainwell traveled to Kalamazoo to face Loy Norrix, and prevailed by a 2-1 final score.

Eldred shined for the Trojans, scoring one goal and assisting on another.

Leigha Weldon also scored, with Alyayna Weldon chipping in with an assist.

Seniors lead Saugatuck soccer to victory on Senior Night

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—The Saugatuck girls soccer team got exactly the response it was looking for Monday, May 11.

On Senior Night, the Trailblazers bounced back from a tough loss late the previous week with a 7-0 win over Bridgman—and it was the seniors leading the way throughout the night.

All seven Saugatuck goals came from members of the senior class.

Neave Rewa paced the offensive outburst with four goals, while classmates Audrey Rodewald, Avery Smith and Ellery Panapento also found the back of the net.

Panapento added an assist, while Rewa finished with two assists to go along with her four-goal performance. Freshmen Claire Robb and Charlee Gustafson each recorded an assist as well.

"Our Senior Night against the Bees was just what they needed to right the ship after a tough loss last Friday," Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips said.

Phillips said the senior class delivered in a big way on its special night.

"The senior class showed out on their big night, scoring all seven goals for the Trailblazers," he said.

The victory helped Saugatuck rebound after a 4-1 loss to Black River on Friday, May 8.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first half, the Trailblazers answered when Smith connected with Rewa, who worked through defenders before scoring the equalizer.

"Avery Smith found Neave Rewa who juked and jived before burying the tying goal," Phillips said.

But Black River regained control in the second half.

"A physical game and prior injuries forced us to search for depth on the defensive side of the ball, but the Rats overpowered the back line and were able to pile on three more," Phillips said.

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Otsego tennis takes second in league

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

THREE RIVERS—The Otsego girls tennis team entered the Wolverine Conference Tournament on Saturday, May 9, in second place in the league standings.

And the Bulldogs left in the same place, holding onto the conference runner-up spot behind champion Sturgis following a strong overall performance at the league tournament.

Otsego coach Melissa Garrett said the finish reflected the work the team put in throughout the season, both physically and mentally.

"This team worked hard all season, both on the court and on their mental game," Garrett said. "The team started incorporating mindful minutes before matches, practicing gratitude, and working with mental performance coaching."

Leading the way Saturday for Otsego was the No. 2 doubles team of Hope Stender and Mila Garrett, who capped an undefeated run through conference play by going 3-0 at the conference tournament to win their flight championship.

"Mila and Hope are fierce competitors on the court who have an incredible ability to lock in and get the job done," Garrett said.

At singles, Ellie Korringa placed third at No. 2 singles, while Lydia Griffith earned a third-place finish at No. 3 singles.

Sophomore Alie Bronson also finished third at No. 4 singles after defeating Edwardsburg and Three Rivers during tournament play.

Garrett said the Bulldogs' mental approach showed itself repeatedly throughout the season and during the conference tournament.

"I was able to see this work pay off, as several athletes pulled themselves up after being down in matches," Garrett said. "Every single win mattered out there, as the fight for second and third came down to one point."

Garrett also praised the team's overall makeup and chemistry throughout the season.

"They are not only talented athletes, but they are an amazing group of humans to coach," she said.

Otsego will compete in a Division 3 regional tournament at Kalamazoo College on Thursday, May 14.

Otsego's Hope Stender (left) and Mila Garrett won the league title at No. 2 doubles. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck boys track places runner-up at SAC Meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—The Saugatuck boys track and field team turned in a strong performance Tuesday, finishing second at the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship meet at Gobles High School.

The Trailblazers scored 72.6 points to finish behind conference champion Kalamazoo Hackett, which totaled 117 points in the 18-team field. Allegan placed 15th with 13.6 points, Martin was 12th with 20 points and Fennville finished 18th with eight points.

Freshman Charles Robison led the way for Saugatuck, winning the 100-meter dash in 11.44 seconds to earn first-team all-conference honors. He also added a third-place finish in the 200 in 23.60 and took sixth in the 300 hurdles in 42.23.

Gabriel Lauer added a pair of top-six finishes for the Trailblazers, placing sixth in the 100 (11.82) and fourth in the 200 (23.66).

Saugatuck also showed its depth in the distance events. Grant Rehkopf placed fourth in the 800-meter run in 2:03.66, while the 4x800 relay team of Ira Brown, Rehkopf, Sawyer Monroe and Marcus Silva finished third in 8:40.39.

In the 1600, Rehkopf took fifth in 4:37.91, Jackson Bowman was seventh in 4:41.81 and Ira Brown finished eighth in 4:43.11. Bowman later added a third-place finish in the 3200 with a time of 10:22.30, while Monroe placed seventh.

The Trailblazers' 4x400 relay team of Alek Diaz, Colton Knikelbine, Chase Skinner and Grady Palmer also placed third in 3:39.45.

Allegan was led by distance runner Kellen Chalupa, who finished fourth in the 1600 in a personal-best 4:36.50 and fifth in the 800 in 2:05.01.

Martin's top finishes came in the field events, where Peyton Schuring-Harris placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 42 feet, 5 inches and seventh in the discus at 112-7. Seth Smit added a third-place finish in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 19-11.5, while Blake Sweeting cleared 5-8 to place fifth in the high jump.

Fennville's Julian Weimer turned in one of the top performances for the Blackhawks, placing runner-up in the long jump with a personal-best jump of 20-8.

The Saugatuck boys track team finished second at the SAC meet, but took top honors in their division for a 7-0 dual record. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck girls track finishes third in SAC

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—Novella DeGraaf helped lead the Saugatuck girls track and field team to a third-place finish Tuesday at the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship meet at Gobles High School.

Saugatuck totaled 75 points to place third in the 18-team field, finishing behind conference champion Kalamazoo Hackett (102) and Constantine (76). Allegan placed sixth with 42 points, Martin was 10th with 29 and Fennville finished 13th with 20.

DeGraaf turned in one of the top all-around performances of the day for the Trailblazers. She earned all-conference honors in three events, placing runner-up in the pole vault at 9 feet, 6 inches, third in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.32 seconds and winning the long jump with a season-best leap of 15-10.

Saugatuck also got a first-place finish from Alina Martinson, who won the 400-meter dash in 1:00.37. Martinson added a third-place finish in the 100 dash and later helped the Trailblazers place third in the 4x400 relay alongside Kamryn Sixberry, Bella Ketterer and Ellyse Heyser.

Sixberry added a third-place finish in the 800-meter run in 2:30.73, while the 4x800 relay team of Heyser, Lyvia Curtis, Savannah VanDenBerg and Sixberry placed third in 10:17.52.

Allegan was led by Jayden VandenAkker, who captured the conference title in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.44 and later finished runner-up in the 300 hurdles in 46.47.

Bailey Dilley also earned all-conference honors in multiple events, placing third in the 400 in a personal-best 1:00.56 and winning the pole vault at 11-0.

Martin distance runner Veyda Conley had a strong day for the Clippers, placing runner-up in both the 1600-meter run (5:16.37) and 3200-meter run (11:18.27).

The Martin 4x800 relay team of Sara Schipper, Allison Rodgers, Torryn Harris and Conley added a sixth-place finish in 10:46.22.

Fennville's top performances came from Macy Samp and Isabelle Sliter. Samp placed third in the 200-meter dash in 27.53 and tied for fourth in the pole vault at 8-0, while Sliter finished fourth in the 800 and fifth in the 1600.

Martin baseball sweeps past Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Martin baseball team dominated Gobles in SAC play Tuesday, May 5, winning 32-0 and 12-0 in the twin bill.

"Our pitching is starting to take shape," Martin coach Brad Blauvelt said. "Jackson Kennedy and Anderson Keeler both threw well against Gobles. That was only Jackson's second start due to injury, and I am looking forward to seeing him in the next few weeks. We got ahead in the count and didn't give them free bases."

In the opener, Martin's offense erupted for 32 runs behind a balanced attack led by Caleb Hopkins, who drove in five runs on three hits.

Hopkins delivered a pair of RBI singles in the first inning before adding a two-run double in the third. He also drew a bases-loaded walk.

The Clippers quickly took control in the first inning as Peyton Schuring-Harris and Jace Brinkhuis were each hit by pitches with the bases loaded, Blake Sweeting drew an RBI walk and Hopkins followed with a two-run single. Bryer Watson added a sacrifice fly during the inning.

Martin added three more runs in the second inning before breaking the game open with a 16-run third inning.

Haylen Buell tripled home two runs during the inning, Anderson Keeler added a two-run single, Hopkins doubled in two more runs and Hartley Branch contributed a two-run double.

Kennedy earned the win on the mound, throwing three hitless innings while striking out seven.

Martin completed the sweep with a 12-0 victory in the nightcap.

Buell led the offense with three hits in three at-bats, including a pair of triples and a single. His two-run triple in the first inning helped Martin grab an early lead.

Schuring-Harris later doubled home a run in the third inning before the Clippers added five runs in the sixth to pull away.

Keeler tossed five scoreless innings, allowing just one hit while striking out six and walking none. Buell struck out three during a scoreless inning of relief.

Martin also remained aggressive on the bases, stealing 10 bases in the second game, including three by Sweeting.

"Haylen continues to dominate both at the plate and on the mound," Blauvelt said. "He leads the team with a .654 batting average, and he has five triples as we move past the halfway point of the season."

Wildcats capture title at Centreville Invite

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

CENTREVILLE—The Wayland softball team brought home a tournament championship Saturday, defeating the host Bulldogs 11-1 in the title game after opening the day with an 11-0 win over Constantine at the Centreville Invitational.

In the championship game, the Wildcats pounded out 20 hits while Mackenzie Kositzky and Madi Ludema combined to lead the way offensively and defensively.

Ludema collected four hits in four at-bats, including three singles and a double. She also drove in a run.

Wayland opened the scoring in the top of the first inning when Ludema singled home a run.

The Wildcats later broke the game open with a five-run sixth inning. Rae Stallard singled home a run during the inning, while Shelby VanHouten and Charity Laker each delivered two-run singles.

Kositzky earned the win in the circle, allowing just one unearned run on seven hits over seven innings while striking out four and walking none.

Laker, Kositzky and VanHouten each drove in two runs in the championship game.

Kaylee Lown, Kennedy Lown and Hannah Hoevenaar all added multiple hits for the Wildcats. Kaylee Lown also stole two bases as Wayland finished with four stolen bases overall.

Earlier in the day, the Wildcats scored an 11-0 victory over Constantine.

Kositzky drove in four runs in the win, highlighted by a two-run home run to center field in the third inning. She later added a two-run single during the fifth inning.

Wayland jumped in front in the first inning when Stallard singled home two runs. Clara Dutkiewicz later added an RBI sacrifice fly in the second inning.

Ludema picked up the win in the circle in the opener, tossing a one-hit shutout over five innings while striking out eight and walking none.

Stallard, Dutkiewicz, Ludema and Kositzky each finished with two hits in the game, while Hoevenaar drew three walks.

Wayland also applied pressure on the bases throughout the opener, finishing with seven stolen bases. Stallard and Dutkiewicz each recorded multiple steals.

Wayland softball players show off the trophy they won at the Centreville Invitational. (Photo provided)

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City moves Water St. watermain work till fall

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

Saugatuck City Council Monday, May 4 changed scheduled Water Street watermain valve work to dates and times less impactful to residents and businesses, with appropriate advance notice.

Based on assessment by engineers, the contractor and staff, completing this work next week or the following week would create greater impacts. As a result, staff will ask Council to OK a change order to move this work to a window between October 5 and 23, 2026.

"Unfortunately," said City Manager Ryan Cummins, "we cannot eliminate all disruption associated with this type of infrastructure work. While we don't have specific dates this far out, we are aiming for the work to occur on a Monday/Tuesday and avoid the weekend. We will do our best to provide 7 days advance notice.

Why Not November?

"Our engineers, contractor, and public works staff," Cummins continued, "have advised that completing this work in November carries a significant risk of not being able to obtain asphalt for proper road restoration. This could result in major intersections remaining gravel through the winter, creating plowing challenges and increasing the risk of damage from freeze/thaw cycles.

"October provides a more reliable construction window to complete the work properly," he said.

Communication

"We heard the concerns raised regarding communication," Cummins went on (eg. last week's Letter to the Editor "Saugatuck businesses deserve better" by Richard Williams and city resident Joe Leonatti's follow-up this week).

"While the City has taken steps over the past year to improve outreach (adding staff capacity, increasing regular updates and expanding use of email and social media) we recognize there is more to do, particularly in creating opportunities for two-way dialogue," the Manager conceded.

"City Council has prioritized additional town hall-style meetings. One with area businesses is being planned for this fall to review the season, hear concerns directly and discuss opportunities for improvement moving forward," said Cummins.

"We also heard a suggestion to consider a liaison with business community," he went on. "Today (this email went out Monday, May 4) I met with Chris Marco, Community Development Director at Lakeshore Advantage, a local economic development organization for Allegan and Ottawa counties.

"Lakeshore Advantage is happy to help be a liaison and facilitate conversations between the City, businesses and nonprofits. If that is of interest to your business, Chris can be reached at (616) 772-5226 ext. 0050," Cummins said.

"Finally, I would welcome the opportunity to schedule a meeting at a local business or City Hall with anyone who would like to talk further," the manager said.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Salute to Teachers: Guiding the Next Generation

Across Allegan County, teachers play a vital role in shaping the future of our communities. From early elementary classrooms to high school lecture halls, these educators do far more than teach lessons from textbooks. They inspire curiosity, encourage creativity, and help students develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed in life.

Teaching is a profession built on patience, dedication, and compassion. Every day, teachers work to meet the needs of students with different backgrounds, learning styles, and goals. They spend countless hours preparing lessons, grading assignments, supporting extracurricular activities, and finding new ways to help students grow both academically and personally. Much of that work happens long after the school day ends, reflecting a level of commitment that often goes unseen.

The impact of a great teacher often reaches far beyond the classroom. Teachers help students discover talents, overcome challenges, and believe in themselves during important stages of life. Many adults can still point to a teacher who encouraged them, challenged them, or helped guide them toward their future career path. Those moments leave lasting impressions that can shape lives for decades.

In Allegan County, teachers also serve as important members of the community. They attend school events, support local programs, and build strong relationships with families and students alike. Many volunteer their time to coach sports, lead clubs, direct school plays, or organize activities that help students stay engaged outside the classroom. Their dedication strengthens the bond between schools and the communities they serve.

Education continues to evolve, bringing new technologies, changing expectations, and fresh challenges into classrooms each year. Despite these changes, teachers remain focused on helping students succeed. Their ability to adapt, problem-solve, and remain committed to student growth reflects the professionalism and care that define the field of education.

Teachers also help prepare the next generation of workers, leaders, and citizens. Whether introducing young children to reading, helping students explore science and technology, or preparing graduates for careers and higher education, their work helps build a stronger future for Allegan County.

At Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we proudly salute the teachers who dedicate themselves to educating and inspiring our youth. Today, we recognize their hard work, their patience, and their lasting impact on the lives of countless students. Their commitment continues to help Allegan County learn, grow, and move forward.

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City manager says Wayland in good shape financially

By David Young

Wayland City Manager Erik Wilson Monday night told the City Council that he expects the fiscal year 2026-27 budget to be approved by Monday night, May 18.

Wilson also said despite the city's busy agenda ahead, he insists Wayland is in good fiscal shape for the year ahead.

New City Finance Director Leah Kuipers agreed with his assessment, declaring "I've never seen such a healthy financial system before."

A lot of the busy part of the next budget is street milling and paving projects already under way and a proposed change in charges for sewer and water. Wilson said an ordinance amendment will enable the city to increase water services by 6 percent, but no increase for sewer, which he insists will save money for customers.

Milling work has commenced for Locust and Lorene streets and Frank and Naman Court have been added to the roster of projects, along with Willow Street.

"We are spending more money than we are taking in (numbers in red), but that is because we are spending cash to get Lorene/Locust and Frank/Naman street projects done.," the city manager said. "The street projects are not only replacing road/water, but also any lead lines that are present. On top of the road projects, we are spending $250,000 separately on additional lead line replacements.

"By spending cash, we are not borrowing money and paying interest. Also, these numbers are estimates and not the final budget."

As the deadline for final budget approaches, Wilson says there are no plans to increase the millage rate for taxpayers.

Meanwhile, the city has submitted an application for a grant to build a dog park adjacent to the Rabbit River Trail, so that project still awaits action.

In other business at the meeting, council:"

• Welcomed new full-time police officer Kenneth DeVries, who served in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department, along with Police Chief Scott Matice. "Ken and I went to college together and I worked with at Allegan. We're glad to have him."

• Heard from Councilman Justin Osborn that North Main (Division) is like "a speedway going out of town." Noting the speed limit is 25 mph, he said he interested primarily in enforcement.

• Learned about results from a housing study by Grand Valley State University, which confirms that indeed there is a need for affordable homes in Allegan County. Wilson said Wayland has the highest rate of renters at 32 percent.

• Received an inquiry from the City of Fremont, which suggests the two cities resurrect a Mayor Exchange Day later this summer. Mayor Jennifer Antel polled the council to see if there is interest and promised to continue negotiating with officials from Fremont. Mayor Exchange Day was a staple for municipalities in days gone by, but the program is rarely implemented these days.

Editor's Note: Story courtesy of TownBroadcast

For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

May 17, 1951

New executive in local scout area: Charles W. Russell, recently named field executive of the Thornapple and South Districts of the Grand Valley Boy Scout Council, arrived Monday and has begun his work in these districts.

Mr. Russell was born in Terre Haute, Ind., and attended college at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

As a boy he was a scout, later becoming a volunteer leader of a scout troop and finally a volunteer commissioner supervising several scout units.

Mr. Russell entered professional service in scouting in July, 1943, as a field executive in Joliet, Ill. In January, 1945, he became general secretary of the YMCA at Brazil, Ind., which position he held until coming here.

He will establish his home in Hastings, where his wife and teenage daughter will join him in a few days. He is a member of the Methodist church, Elks, Masonic Lodge, and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club at Brazil.

In his new duties he will give leadership to the growth and development of scouting in the Thornapple district (Barry county) and South District (Allegan county). Each district of which has approximately 500 boys enrolled in the scout programs of cubbing, troop scouting, and exploring.

May 13, 1976

Barn, yearling destroyed in Trowbridge Township blaze last week: A 30-by-60 barn and a yearling horse were destroyed last Wednesday in the most serious of five alarms answered by Allegan firemen during the past week.

THE BARN fire was reported at 2:34 p.m. Wednesday by a passing CB radio operator at the Milton "Boots" Herring farm, 1070 34th St. in Trowbridge Township, and the structure had been virtually destroyed by the time firemen were called to the scene.

No one was home at the time, and the horse was trapped inside the burning barn.

Ten men and five trucks worked to cool the remains of the large barn, protect surrounding buildings, and prevent hot, gusty winds from spreading the fire thru nearby woods and fields.

Firemen worked for more than two hours and pumped 6,000 gallons of water, using tankers in relays, then were called back to the scene shortly before 6 p.m. when embers from the barn flared up again.

ON THE SECOND run, four men and one tanker used 1,000 gallons of water to cool the rubble.

A fire department spokesman said the barn and contents were insured for $10,000, which Herring said he believed would cover the loss.

Members of the Allegan girls' tennis team were all smiles after securing the Wolverine Conference title for a 16th straight season. (Photo provided)

Herring told firemen, however, that he had no idea how the fire could have started since the only electrical device turned on in the barn was a fence charger that he'd never had any trouble with.

May 17, 2001

Eagle Creek Golf Course sold: The Eagle Creek Golf Course has two significant events taking place this month. First, the course has been sold for only the second time in its 75 years of existence. Second, May is the diamond anniversary of the course since it opened for play 75 years ago.

The new owners of Eagle Creek are Jason and Megan Fargo and Jason's parents Dwight and Roxanne Fargo of Allegan. The Fargos purchased the course from Bernard and Robert Milbocker of Milbocker and Sons and Martin Reed, Attorney at Law all of Allegan.

Jason Fargo, who will oversee the day-to-day operation of the course, was graduating from high school in 1992 at about the time of the first sale of the golf course to the Milbockers and Reed.

Fargo, a 1997 graduate of Ferris State University, has degrees in marketing and golf management and a long list of experience for someone so young.

After graduating from Ferris, he took a position with Egypt Valley that eventually led him to become the director of golf at Hawkshead Links in 1998. It was at Hawkshead that Fargo became acquainted with the intricacies and details involved in running a first rate golf course.

Hawkshead was rated a 4.5 out of 5 points by Golf Digest subscribers and given a 201 ranking of courses in North America. It is this expertise he brings to Eagle Creek and his ultimate ambition which is to own a golf course.

May 20, 2021

Allegan tennis claims 16th straight conference title: Another year, another Wolverine Conference championship for the Allegan girls' tennis team.

The Tigers scored 66 points to outdistance runner-up Otsego by five points at the Wolverine Conference Championships on Saturday, May 15. It was the 16th straight league title for Allegan and the program's 32nd crown in the 47 years the conference sponsored girls' tennis.

"What a day it was," first-year coach Damien Arthur said. "The girls showed up and played some great tennis. My coaches and I are happy the way this team played and achieved another team conference championship."

Despite Allegan's long history of success, Arthur knows some people might have seen his team as vulnerable—at least somewhat—this season.

Besides the fact that Arthur is in his first season as head coach after replacing longtime coach Jen Aldrich, 10 of the 12 players in the Allegan lineup had never played a varsity match prior to this season.

"I think teams in the Wolverine Conference saw this as an opportunity to beat this historically successful program," Arthur said. "There was a new coaching staff, 10 girls who never played a varsity match and the pressure of continuing the legacy of this team.

"And guess what? These girls seized the moment and proved to the rest of the conference that nothing has changed."

Allegan finished with five flight championships, highlighted by Regan Fales at No. 1 singles.

After winning her first two matches 6-0, 6-0, Fales defeated Ally Aldrich from Otsego 6-3, 7-6 (2) in the finals.

The team's other returning varsity player, Jasper Harrington, teamed with Hailey Fuller to take first at No. 2 doubles. A 6-1, 6-4 win over Sturgis in the finals capped the day for Harrington and Fuller.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

the most serious of five ... THE BARN fire was re- ... "Boots" Herring farm, 1070 ... by the time firemen were

Allegan Volunteer Firemen poke thru the remains of a 30-by-60 pole barn that was destroyed in a fire last Wednesday afternoon. The barn, owned by Milton "Boots" Herring of 1070 34th St. in Trowbridge Township, was nearly gone when firemen arrived, and a yearling horse housed in the structure was killed. Despite their efforts to extinguish all remnants of the fire, the Allegan volunteers were called back to the barn Wednesday evening after the embers flared up again.

—News & Gazette photo

Deaths

April 18, 2026
JOSE MIGUEL CASTANEDA, 84, Laketown Twp.

April 22, 2026
CAROL ANN LETHIOT, 81, Cheshire Twp.
JOSEPH WAYNE WORLEY, 52, Cheshire TWp.

April 23, 2026
CHARLES FRANK KELLY JR, 82, Leighton Twp.

April 24, 2026
TALISA LYNN MERCHANT, 54, Otsego Twp.

April 25, 2026
ALBERT ELSWORTH ALLEN, 90, Cheshire Twp.
CHARLES WALTER STEDMAN, 85, Lee Twp.

April 26, 2026
DANIEL ALEXANDER BAEZ, 11, Clyde Twp.

April 27, 2026
LOGAN JON TILL, 22, Clyde Twp
JENNIFER MARIE BRYAN, 59, Saugatuck
ELISHA MARIE MULCAHEY, 42, Clyde Twp.
LINDA MARIE GILLIAM, 67, Allegan

April 28, 2026
WILLIAM CRAIG STITT, 58, Valley Twp.

April 30, 2026
HAROLD ABNER COMBS, 96, Otsego

May 2, 2026
LORENE HOARD, 83, Martin Twp.

May 4, 2026
SUSIE FRANCES CURTISS, 66, Otsego

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 28 and May 6:

AUBREY REBECCA RINGNALDER, Allegan, and **ANDREW JOHN FISCHER**, Allegan
HANNAH ELIZABETH KLOOSTERMAN, Hopkins, and **REED DOUGLAS VANDERKOOI**, Wayland
MAKAYLA GRACE HALBLAUB, Caledonia, and **COHEN ZANDER WIERINGA**, Wayland
MICHELLE LYNN FORMAN, Dorr, and **ROBERT NORMAN COLBURN**, Kentwood
AMBER LYNN VENDEVILLE, Otsego, and **SHAWN LEE GLEASON**, Otsego
ANTHONY ALEXANDER NAPOLI, Fennville, and **CAROL JEAN KELLY**, Fennville
LONNIE GENE BUSLER, Allegan, and **LESLIE ADAIR HIGGINS**, Allegan
WILLIAM KENNETH WRIGHT, Holland, and **TAIRY RINCON VILLALOBOS**, Holland
TODD ALEN BYSTRA, Wayland, and **CHARLENE JOY KURKOWSKI**, Wayland
TERAH LYNN PRICE, Allegan, and **DANIEL MATTHEW JACOBUSSE**, Allegan
MEAGAN ALYSON COLEMAN, Otsego, and **JACOB MYRON HOLMES**, Otsego
AMBER MARIE BUSKARD, Martin, and **TYLER HENRY SANDS**, Martin
STEPHANIE MARIE ARNDT, Wayland, and **ROBERT JOHN CALKINS**, Wayland
KRISTI LYNN LENARD, Dorr, and **TAYLOR JAMES VANSTEE**, Dorr
RILEY JAMES BROWER, Dorr, and **MARISSA ANNE VANDERKAMP**, Hamilton
ANGELA SUE VANVOLKINBURG, Wayland, and **GREGORY LEE VANRHEE**, Wayland

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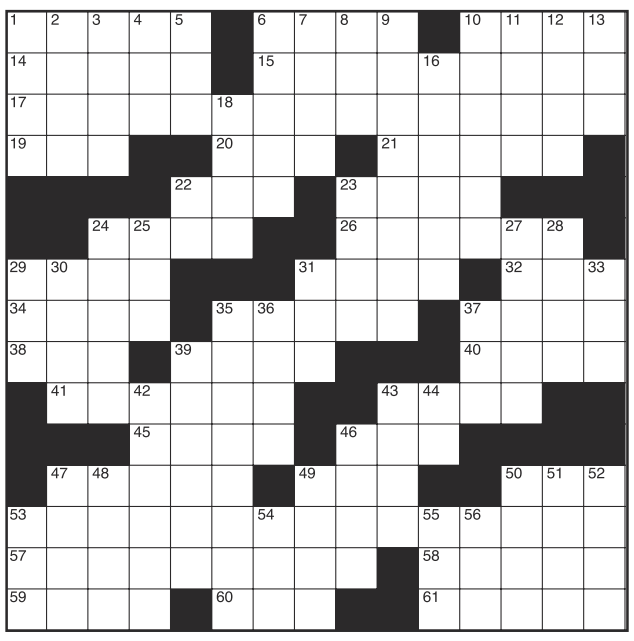
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Notable casino destination
6. Current units
10. Roman military unit
14. American lizard
15. Fates
17. The Yankees have lots of these
19. Unhappy
20. Mimic
21. Remove from the record
22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
23. A way to fight
24. Turfs
26. Contract
29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
31. Tree species
32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
34. Perfect
35. 'Partner' to groans
37. Jewish calendar month
38. Where wrestlers work
39. Egotistical
40. Potted plants
41. Containers
43. Large, flightless birds
45. Part of a book
46. American spies
47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Area units
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and __

CLUES DOWN
1. Animal jaws
2. Small water buffalo
3. An appliance has one
4. Every
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. Very skilled
7. No more than what is specified
8. Tire measurement
9. Towers
10. Forward
11. Jacob __, American journalist
12. Vale
13. Former CIA
16. Middle Eastern nation
18. Exhausts
22. South Dakota
23. The complete duration of something
24. Kids love him
25. Singular
27. Cod genus
28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
29. Resistance unit
30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
31. Cast out
33. 60-minute periods
35. Most worn
36. European river
37. Atomic mass unit
39. Items of food
42. Body parts
43. Ireland
44. Partner to Pa
46. Sammy __, songwriter
47. Dutch settler
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Sun or solar disk
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. A monthly expense
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian state
55. Air freight provider
56. Pointed end of a pen

■ see **Solution**, Page B10

Annual Benefit Ride supports Wings of Hope & Wings Home

By Gari Voss

Riders and their mounts prepare for the Allegan County Pleasure Riders' 52nd Annual Benefit Ride that will partner with the Michigan Horse Trails Association Explore the Trails Program scheduled for Sat. May 16, 2026, beginning at 9am. Equestrians of all ages are invited to ride for prizes and assist by gathering contributions for Wings of Hope Hospice and Wings Home in Allegan. For additional information, check out the ACPR Facebook page or call Pam at 616 490-1627.

The Allegan County Pleasure Riders (ACPR) will host their 52nd Annual Benefit Ride on Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 9am at the Silver Creek Campground, 3900 134th Ave., Hamilton, MI. The Pleasure Riders have historically ridden to gather funds for nonprofit organizations focusing on health needs. They have settled on collecting for the Wings of Hope Hospice and Wings Home in Allegan.

This will also be the first event of the Michigan Horse Trails Association (MHTA) Explore the Trails Program, which will focus on encouraging trail riders to experience the different locations and support associations that Michigan has to offer by attending various events around the state. ACPR has partnered with MHTA trail organization sponsors for this challenge, while promoting the Allegan County Silver Creek Equestrian Park. The participating associations provide the locations to ride and events to attend. The Challenge will run April 10 – December 10, 2026, with more information at https://michiganhorsetrailsassociation.com/ride-the-mitten-trail-challenge/.

The May 16th ACPR benefit riders follow marked trails through the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System that is maintained by the Friends of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System (FACETS). Each entrant can choose the long or short loop according to their comfort level and time. No matter what the trail is chosen, riders will meander through the peaceful forest. Rides must begin their rides before 12 Noon and complete the ride by 4pm.

While traversing the trails, riders may find decorated horseshoes hidden along the paths. Finders of these horseshoes will receive additional awards.

To participate in this event, riders can register now by going to The Allegan County Pleasure Riders Facebook page to make copies of the registration information and contribution sheet, or on Friday, May 15th from 7-8 pm or Saturday, May 16th until noon at the Pavilion. A minimum donation of $30 per individual or $50 per family is required. The basic registration includes the day's ride, lunch, a commemorative T-shirt, and prize table tickets of one per individual or two for families. Each entrant must sign a Liability Form

To be considered for the Grand Prize Drawing, individuals or families can donate a minimum of $100. This amount includes the day's ride fee, lunch, t-shirts, prize table tickets, and one entry for a chance to win one of the four Grand Prizes – Circle Y Daisetta Saddle; Horseman's Pride, 3-step Mounting Block & Gift Car; GVDV 18" Fire Smokeless Fire Pit & Gift Card; or Gravity Griddle – Ultra Portable Campfire Cooking System & Gift Card.

For every additional $50 donation, another ticket for the Grand Prize Drawing will be awarded. To maximize the number of tickets, participants are invited to collect donations from family and friends using the form available on the Facebook page.

The T-shirt design was created by members of the Allegan County Pleasure Riders. T-shirt sponsors are area merchants.

The Riders thank Neighbors House Bar & Grill of Gobles, MI for donating lunch with assistance from ACPR. Riders can stop for lunch at the Pavilion between 11am and 3pm

Winners of prizes must be present to win awards and prizes at 4pm. Special gifts will be awarded to the three largest donations, the oldest adult rider, the youngest boy and youngest girl rider competing in the fundraiser on their own horse, and the rider who traveled the furthest distance to participate in the ride on their own horse.

Day parking is available. Park staff will be on duty to give assistance. No Dogs, with no exceptions, will be allowed on the trails for this event. All dogs in camp must be on a leash at all times, which follows park rules.

Dr. Carissa Coulson from Michigan Mixed Animal Veterinary Services will be available at the expense of the riders.

For those wishing to enjoy the entire weekend, campsites can be rented by going to allegancountyparks.org. For additional information about the event, call Pam at 616 490-1627.

Cereal Drive highlighted during May 2026

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative (ACFPC) opened their 2026 Cereal Drive on May 1st and will run until May 31st. This is an extremely important initiative that restocks the food pantries across Allegan County for the summer. When students are not attending school, they do not have access to the daily breakfast and lunch programs. This increases the demand for these breakfast offerings at all food pantries.

As shared by Hungry for Christ Food Ministries that currently coordinates the ACFPC, "[Cereal] helps support children by providing a convenient, quick, and nutrient-dense breakfast that is packed with essential fiber, vitamins, and minerals to help them start their day strong."

Breakfast is key to breaking the fast, and cereal is an intricate part. Children and adults alike function better with a nutritious morning meal.

The goal has been to collect 10,000 boxes of cereal, but the need is growing. This can be a physical box of cereal, or a monetary donation. Cereal donated to a Drop Site will be given to food pantries in that area. If a monetary donation is made, Hungry for Christ will be able to make bulk purchases which can make each dollar go further.

The Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative includes 17 pantries and 1 food club. The network was launched in 2009 by a few area pantries with the Allegan County Community Foundation coordinating resources. As of January 2026, Hungry for Christ in Hamilton is coordinating the efforts of stocking pantries.

In 2026, pantries across Allegan County have been serving over 6,000 residents each month. Along with receiving donations from major food sources such as Feeding American West Michigan, the collaborative organizes three major drives during the year – soup, peanut butter, and cereal.

Thanks to corporations, businesses, and individuals, food donations can put healthy meals on the tables of individuals and families.

Drop Off Sites can be found in communities across Allegan County. Some of these are:

Allegan: Allegan Eagles, Allegan United Methodist Church, Grocery Outlet, On-Point, Allegan Area Voc Tech, West Michigan Works, and Blessed Sacrament Church.

Dorr/Wayland: Project Hope, Wayland Christian Neighbors, Dorr Library, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Dorr Moose Lodge, Dorr American Legion, Leighton Township Library, Salem Library, and Leppinks Food Centers.

Fennville: Cranes Pie Pantry, Family Dollar, Fennville City Hall, The Little Store, Root Care, and Modales Wine.

Hamilton: Bentheim Elementary School, Cultivate Church, Hamilton Elementary, Hamilton High School, Hamilton Food Center, Love INC, and The Trestle Stop.

Hopkins: Hopkins Community Church.

Martin: Martin Area Resource Center, Clipper Café, and the United States Post Office.

Otsego: Parker Hannifin Corp., Otsego City Hall, McPherson Plastics, and St. Vincent DePaul.

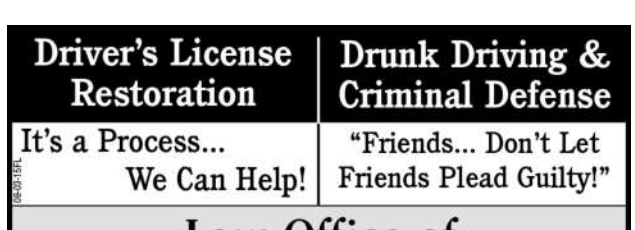
Plainwell: Plainwell Christian Neighbors, Gun Plain Township Hall, Fit Body Boot Camp, and Repz Gym.

Pullman: People Helping People Pantry and Linking Center.

Douglas: St. Peters Catholic Church, RE/Max Saugatuck/Douglas, Lake Vista Grocery, Douglas Library, Coldwell Bankers, and Blue Star Coffee.

Saugatuck: All Saints Church, First Congregational Church, Gibson United Methodist Church, Lake Vista Grocery, and Third Coast Church.

For a complete listing of Drop Off sites and where the cereal will be distributed, go to the Hungry for Christ Food Ministries Facebook and click on the Drop Off QR code or on the Donate Online QR code.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Book review: Books for College-Bound Students

The videos and news reports were inspiring.

In them, a hesitant prospective-college student turned into a happy new college-bound student with the click of a key. They were accepted into the college of their dreams - so how can you get the same feeling next spring, when you're the one with the highest of hopes?

You can start by reading these great books and sharing them with your family…

You probably already know that getting into the college of your choice is not something you do last-minute. In "The People's Guide to College Applications: A Week-by Week Approach to Writing, Connecting, and Getting in" by Jill Constantino (Prometheus Books, $21.95) takes you through each step, but not in a frantic way. There's no pressure here, just easy-to-grasp, makes-sense methods to apply for the college you want. There are reminders here, things you can't forget and things you can, hints on asking for referrals and writing essays, and plenty of reminders to take a deep breath. Bonus: it's also a book for parents, who may feel just as much pressure as does their child.

Okay, but let's say that you're an adult, a parent who's sweating those college applications, classes, and the FAFSA for yourself, ugh! Then you'll want to read "Student Parent: The Fight for Families, the Cost of Poverty, and the Power of College" by Nicole Lynn Lewis (Beacon Press, $26.97). an urgent call meant for nontraditional students who are also Black, Latinx, gay, Moms, or Dads.

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Inside this book, you'll find stats and stories that may already sound familiar, tales of not enough money, not enough support, not enough arms or sleep or resources. If you're looking for a book of advice, this isn't it, though. It's more of a resource that you'll want to take to your guidance counselor or any local politician.

Alright, but what if you've decided that college can wait? Is that okay? Look for "The Mission Generation: Reclaim Your Purpose, Rewrite Success, Rebuild Our Future" by Arun Gupta and Thomas J. Fewer (Wiley, $29.00) because – guess what? - you have many options for your future.

The kind of workday your Grandpa had is probably over, and you can't count on toiling at the same place for 40 years for a pension and a gold watch. You already know that, and this book will help you decide your next step. You'll learn what kind of worker you are, what's stopping you from finding a job or occupation you'll love, how to determine the purpose you envision for your future, and how to get where you need to be. This book isn't just for high-schoolers, but for anyone ages 16 and beyond who's feeling restless, ready for change, or who's thinking about some kind of purposeful retirement.

And if these aren't the college-based or not-college-bound books you need, then be sure to ask your favorite bookseller or librarian for help on ideas, how-to's, test prep books, or study guides. They'll have books for you, and maybe a little inspiration, too.

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 13,000 books.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:

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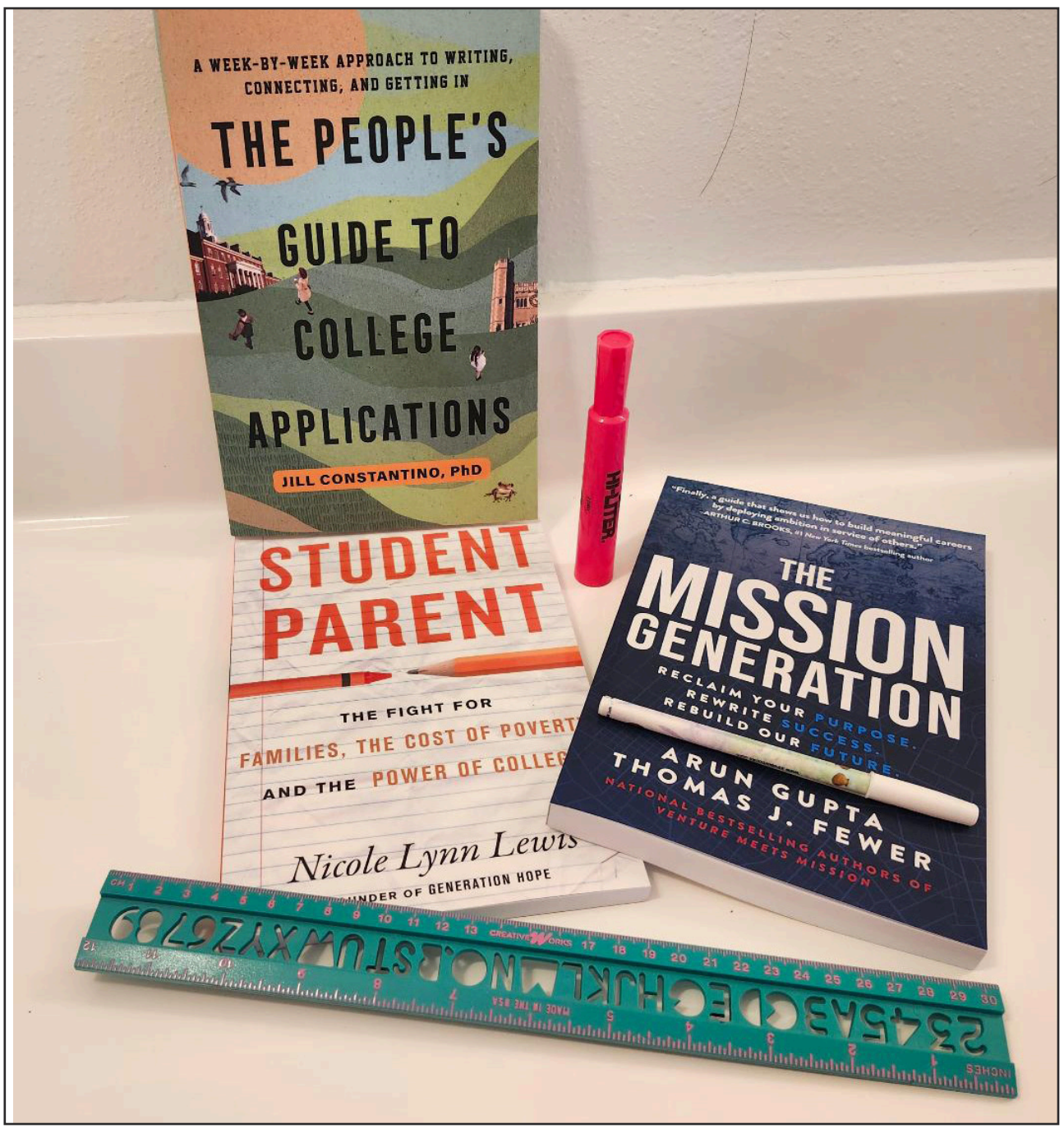
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Public Notices

Allegan County Circuit Court Case No. 25-70574-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan on the 4th of June, 2026 at 9:00 am, local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, particularly described as Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 18, Capen's Addition; thence South 298.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence East 198.00 feet; thence South 100.00 feet; thence West 198.00 feet; thence North 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, Allegan County Records. More commonly known as: 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 49408 This notice is from a debt collector. Date of Notice: 4/16/2026 Trott Law, P.C.
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 21, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christian Terhorst, a single man, and Michaela Vlietstra, a single woman, as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"),solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 18, 2025 Recorded on July 22, 2025, Liber 5051, on Page 632, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on April 2, 2026, Liber 5124, on Page 891, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 55/100 Dollars ($218,640.55) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 7 and 8, Green Meadows Subdivision, being in the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7, Page 4 of Plats, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 5975 Baseline Rd, Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Allen Armentrout and Christine Armentrout, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated October 17, 2023, and recorded October 19, 2023 in Liber 4895 Page 830, in ALLEGAN County records, Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 03, 2025 in Liber 5022, Page 300,on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Three-Hundred Seventy-Four and 59/100 dollars ($198,374.59). Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, County of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lots 49 and 50, Davis Addition to the Village, now City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 67. Property Address:539 Davis Street Allegan, Michigan 49010 Parcel No.: 03-51-120-044-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 23, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2603026 - Armentrout, Daniel (VA) - DA
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas Miller, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: February 2, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 3, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $25,237.09

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 19 and 20 of West Sunset Acres Plat, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats on Page 2.

Common street address (if any): 529 Sherman St, Allegan, MI 49010-1452

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: April 30, 2026

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa Ti Elzinga, an unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 11, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 22, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $54,003.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 5 and 6 of Sherwood's Addition to the Village (now city) of Plainwell, as recorded in Liber 44 on Page 523, Less the North 2 Rods and the East 50 feet therefrom.

Common street address (if any): 520 N Sherwood Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-1333

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 30, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew M. Gallas, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Vandyk Mortgage Corporation dated August 31, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 2907, Page 724, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MidFirst Bank by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered for Plaintiff, MidFirst Bank against Defendant, Matthew M. Gallas in Case No. 2025-0000070973-CH of the Allegan County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure was entered on the 6th day of April, 2026, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents ($82,617.50), plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, on the 18th day of June, 2026 at 9:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Monterey, County of Allegan and State of Michigan, described as follows: The South 330 feet of the West 50 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 3 North, Range 13 West. Also the West 200 feet of the North 353 feet of the South 683 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, Monterey Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly Known As: 3373 132nd Ave, Hopkins, MI, 49328 Tax ID: 16-008-009-21 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: April 21, 2026 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorneys for Plaintiff Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 File No. 25-011533
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners is seeking Allegan County residents interested in serving on the OnPoint Board (formerly known as Allegan County Community Mental Health Services).

OnPoint operates as a Policy Governance Board created by Section 226 of the Michigan Mental Health Code.

Term lengths for board members are three (3) years. OnPoint Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm with committees meeting prior.

Interested Allegan County residents may submit a completed application to:

Allegan County Administration
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010
Fax: 269-686-5331
Email: administration@allegancounty.org

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Applications are available online at www.onpointallegan.org under "Board" tab or call County Administration at 269-673- 0239 to request that an application be mailed.

VALLEY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, May 30, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Clean-up site is located at 4726 - 118th Ave.
Approximately 1 mile west of DNR office

Accepted: Refrigerators, bed frames, mattresses, carpet/padding, car parts, grills, mowers, doors, windows, toilets, vacuum cleaners, stoves, washers, small appliances, old furniture and unwanted household items.

NOT Accepted: Tires, paint cans, yard waste, televisions, burn barrels, or household garbage.
This is a good time to get rid of those unwanted items in and around the house. Keep our township beautiful. Please inform your Valley neighbors so we can make this a success again this year!

***Please note: Due to Republic's Saturday hours, we can't get more dumpsters in the afternoon. Once those containers are full, we will not be able to accept any more items.

Questions, call 269-673-5962

City of Plainwell

Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 4th 2026 at 6:30pm, local time, at Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main Street, Plainwell, Michigan.

The Planning Commission will consider a rezoning of approximately 7-acres of a 71.29-acre parcel on North Main Street from R1A, Single Family, to C1, Local Commercial.

Legal Description:
THAT PART SE ¼ SE ¼ LYING SW'LY OF N.Y.C. R.R. ALSO COM 476.66' N OF NE COR OF SW ¼ SE ¼ TH W TO E LIN OF PENN CTL R.R. R/W TH NWLY ALG SD E LIN TO ELY LIN OF US-131 TH SLY ALG SD R/W TO SLY BANK OF KALAMAZOO RIV TH SELY ALG SD RIV TO S LIN OF SEC TH E TO SE COR OF W ½ SE ¼ TH N TO POB ALSO EX COM 209.22' W OF SE COR OF SEC TH W 434.33' TH N 477.26' TO SW'LY LIN OF PEN CTL R.R. R/W TH ALG SD R/W S 42 DEG 06'54" E 646.94' TO POB SEC 19 T1N R11W TAX MAP: 71.29 AC (96)

And, such other and further matters as may come before said public hearing.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed conversion prior to action being taken. Written comments or questions may be directed to JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk at Plainwell City Hall, 211 N Main St, Plainwell, MI 49080.

City of Plainwell
Planning Commission
By: JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Hutchins Lake Board
Allegan County, Michigan

HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Hutchins Lake Board will hold a public hearing at 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville, Michigan to determine the practicability of a five-year improvement project for Hutchins Lake. The lake improvement project would include aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, and contingency. The project would begin in 2027 and continue through 2031, with an annual budget of $33,000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is available for public examination during normal business hours at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if the project is found practicable, the Hutchins Lake Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Hutchins Lake Board c/o Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Hutchins Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are being held pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Hutchins Lake Board
Allegan County, Michigan

NOTICE

Skyway Towers, LLC is proposing to construct a 260-foot Lattice telecommunications tower at Baseline Rd approximately 330 feet northeast of the intersection with 59th Street, Grand Junction, Allegan County, Michigan 49056 (42 25 9.8 N / 86 7 7.5 W). The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E (L-864/ L-865/L-810), medium intensity flashing dual (white/red) strobe lights. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) Form 854 File Number "A1380966" and may raise environmental concerns about the project by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Parties wishing to submit the request by mail may do so by addressing the request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: EBI Consulting, % Project 260065002PR, EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (617) 715-1822.

Public Notices

PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG EDSELL STREET 170 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 98.5 FEET EASTERLY OF PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE WESTERLY TO PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO: COMMENCING AT A POINT SOUTH 86 DEGREES 14 MINUTES EAST 98.5 FEET FROM NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, PETERS ADDITION, THENCE NORTH 40 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 147 FEET, THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES EAST TO KALAMAZOO RIVER, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIVER TO A POINT NORTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 130 Edsell Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 30, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7182

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NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNEES OF CONNIE L. GRIMM AND KEVIN R. GRIMM PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the Allegan County Circuit Court, State of Michigan, an action between Plaintiff, US Bank Trust Company, N.A. not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023R2 and Defendants Connie L. Grimm, Kevin R. Grimm, Foundation Finance Company, and any and all unknown claimants, owners, heirs, devisees or assignees of Connie L. Grimm and Kevin R. Grimm; Case No. 26-71881-CH, involving the property commonly known as: 420 105th Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080. You are being sued by Plaintiff in an action brought pursuant to MCL 600.3101. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the Allegan County Circuit Court, 113 Chestnut Ave, Allegan MI 49010 within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of this notice. You may contact and must serve a copy of any answer on Josie Lewis (P69317) at Codilis & Moody, P.C. at 30800 Telegraph Rd, Suite 1703, Bingham Famrs, MI 48025. Failure to answer within the time frame by law may result in a default judgment being entered against your interests in the Property. (File/Reference No.: 23-26-00041)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mathew W Prins and Melissa Prins, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 8, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $110,758.91

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing At A Point On The West Line Of P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, 52 Rods And 13 Feet South From North Township Line, Thence West 13 Rods And 14 Feet; Thence North 6 Rods And 13 Feet; Thence East To West Line Of Said P.M. Railroad Right Of Way, Thence Southeasterly Along The West Line Of Said Railroad Right Of Way To Place Of Beginning, Being Part Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Also, Commencing 759 Feet South Of The North Section And Township Line And The Westerly Line Of P.M. Railway, Thence West To A Point 285 Feet West Of The North And South 1/4 Line Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Thence North 33 Feet; Thence East To The Westerly Line Of Said Pere Marquette Railway Right Of Way; Thence Southeasterly Along Said Line To Place Of Beginning, All In The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West. Subject To Driveway Easement Set Forth In Deed Recorded In Liber 407, Page 81. Together With Grant Of Easement For Ingress And Egress As Recorded In Liber 981 On Page 173.

Common street address (if any): 3570 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 7, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-07)(05-28)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brandon Lee Stevenson, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 11, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 18, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $62,678.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point 420 feet North of the Section Line of the West side of the following described property for a point of beginning. The East 20 acres of the South 44 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, except that part which lies West of a line 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence East 210 feet; thence South 420 feet; thence West to a point 125 feet Easterly of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the survey line of Highway US-131; thence Northwesterly along the East boundary line of US-131 to West line of property first described; thence North to point of beginning. Subject to right-of-way recorded at Liber 765, Pages 279 and 280.

Common street address (if any): 1165 126th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9521

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 7, 2026

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31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-07)(05-28)

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of the Jerry Lee Boeve Declaration of Trust established October 29, 2013, restated August 29, 2025

Jerry Lee Boeve was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was February 6, 1944.

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jerry Lee Boeve, died April 21, 2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Julia Ann Mc Intire, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

P. Haans Mulder P61842
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423.
Julia Ann Mc Intire
12747 Triple Oak Drive, NE
Lowell, MI 49331
616-392-1821

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26-71768-CH
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
THE MILDRED E. WHITCOMB REVOCABLE TRUST,
Plaintiff
Vs
The ESTATE of MARGARET STAAL; and each of her unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,
Defendant
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. before the Hon. Matthew Antkoviak in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.

ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Dated: May 7, 2026
BY Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66240-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Michael James Serr Date of Birth:*02/06/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Michael James Serr , died 03/30/2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Arlene Serr, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

05/07/2026
Jenny L. DeGraves P72460
85 E. 8th Street, Ste. 310
Holland, Michigan 49423
616-499-6360
Arlene Serr
6455 Palmer Drive
Saugatuck, Michigan 49453
616-836-0125

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66217-DE and JUDGE HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of John Duane Hoeksema Date of Birth:* 5/01/1969

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Duane Hoeksema, died 3/29/2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeff Hoeksema , personal representative, or to both the probate court

GANGES TOWNSHIP

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Ganges Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 on Tuesday, June, 9, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville, Michigan. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget will be available for inspection during this meeting.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk in advance by calling (269) 543-8316.

John Hebert, Supervisor
Ganges Township
(269) 543-4634

Robin Phelps, Clerk
Ganges Township
(269) 543-8316

GLENN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 8,2026, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., at 1392 Adams Road, Glenn, Michigan, the Board of Education Glenn Public School will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 1392 Adams Road, Glenn, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.[1]

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.
Jacob Clemons
Secretary

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2026 at 5:45p.m., at the Hopkins Elementary School, Hopkins, Michigan the Board of Education of Hopkins Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026–2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.[1]

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Jessica Johnston

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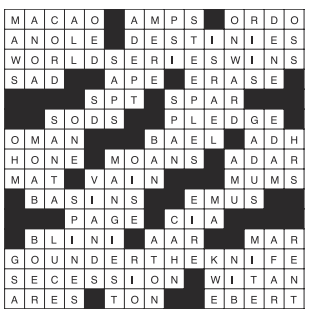

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

This week's question: Do you have any vacation or fun plans for this summer?

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "No, not really, I guess. We've taken some day trips every once in a while, or maybe overnight, but nothing ever too big. We certainly can't do it this year. With the price of gas, maybe we won't get further than Kalamazoo."

-Man near the Fennville grocery store: "Naw. The wife and me, we used to travel a lot, but not so much now. We both got medical stuff going on so we're staying close to home."

-Couple near the Blue Goose; Woman: "I doubt it. We can't afford it, not with the cost of gas this high." Man: "I'd like to tell Trump exactly what I think of him and his war."

-Young woman near the Allegan Public Library: "Vacation? What exactly is a vacation? Never mind. I know what it is. I just haven't ever had much of one since we were kids when we went a couple of times to the State Fair over near Detroit."

-Older woman, same location: "I think a break or getting away is important. I can't do anything too extravagant, but I'll go into Chicago to meet some friends for a day or so."

-Man near A-tech; Winced and said, "I don't really want to say. I got a lot of friends who are really struggling, so…. A lot of 'em are having a hard time putting food on the table and gas in their car. To go on a vacation right now isn't very supportive of them. It would be more like a slap in the face, and I don't think that's right."

-Woman near the Huntington Bank: "I kind of doubt it. My husband's not doing so good. The doctor said it's the start of the long good-bye, so probably, if we go anywhere we'll go somewhere close to home."

-Woman near the Allegan Post Office, looks around to see if there is anyone close. "Yes, we are. It's a big anniversary for us and my husband got us Amtrak tickets to Seattle and back. I'm glad he got them before their prices go up."

-Man, same location: "We used to go up to the island every year, and I'm glad we did it when we could. It's out of our price range now, especially with gas going up all the time. Trump really did a number on us this time."

-Woman near Sassy Olive: "I like to go with some friends down to Indiana. And every year we go over to Frankenmuth to do some Christmas shopping. We always get some ideas there." Laughs.

-Older couple near the Allegan City Hall; Man: "I don't think we're going anywhere this year. You know, prices, airlines in trouble, you name it. It's a bit risky now. But we did plenty of traveling when we could." Woman: "We took lots of pictures, so we get out the albums and look at them and think about how lucky we were." Man: "I'd tell young people to get out and get going when they have the chance."

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at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5/07/2026 Date
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3033 Orchard Vista Drive S.E., Suite 308
Grand Rapids, MI 49548
616.914.9878
Jeff Hoeksema
7209 Cherry Ave.
Jenison, MI 49428
616.318.7192

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66214-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Mary Ellen Bos Date of Birth:*November 9, 1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Ellen Bos, died February 17, 2026 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christopher D. Martin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
May 5, 2026
Warner Norcross + Judd LLP
Catherine H. Jacobs P48808
150 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 1500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2832
(616) 752-2391
Christopher D. Martin
6042 N. 110th Circle
Omaha, NE 68164
(402) 960-2604

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Zada Carolyn LaCourse Date of Birth:*July 18, 1942
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Zada Carolyn LaCourse, died Feb. 22, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David L. LaCourse, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5-6-2026
David L. LaCourse
2941 16th Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
616-359-2602

Allegan
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
Trust: The Julie A. Porter Living Trust, under agreement dated July 14, 2014
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Julie A. Porter , who lived at 844 Millbridge Ave., Holland, MI 49423 Michigan died 04/20/2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Barbara McCulley , within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.
04/30/2026
Blaque W. Hough P-47697
300 South State St., Ste. 11
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 212-9336
Barbara McCulley
23 Front Street
Belington, WV, 26250
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ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust
In the matter of The Lohroff Family Trust established June 30, 2017, amended October 4, 2022, and January 25, 2024, and restated on July 14, 2025
Barbara Ann Lohroff was the grantor of the Trust and her date of birth was February 25, 1938.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Ann Lohroff, died September 28, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Darlene L. Lohroff, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Lindsey J. Gorsline P81753
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
Darlene L. Lohroff
1052 Aster Street
Wayland, MI 49348
616-437-1843

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE:RUSSELL LEE NEWHOUSE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 11:30 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: RUSSELL LEE NEWHOUSE to LEE CARMEN HOTCHKISS

Notice
of Public Hearing
Salem Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The "Michigan Zoning Enabling Act") the Planning Commission of Salem Township will hold public hearing to deliberate and possibly take action on the following items on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Township Hall, located at 3003 142nd Avenue, Burnips, Michigan:

1. A request from Brian and Ann DeBoer, owners of 4420 Friesian Court, also known as parcel number 03-19-250-002-00, for a special use permit to establish a group childcare facility caring for greater than six (6) individuals within the R-1 Agricultural and Rural Estate District, per Section 6.03(c) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. A request from Boyd Berens, owner of the unaddressed property on 146th Avenue known as parcel number 03-19-005-0014-20, for a special use permit to create a parcel larger than permitted by right within the A-1 Agricultural Conservation District, per Section 5.05(2)(iii) of the Salem Township Zoning Ordinance.
3. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Administrator at the Township Hall address cited above. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 4th, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodation may be made.
SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANDON OOSTERINK, CHAIR
616-877-2000

Otsego Township
Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Otsego Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th Street, Otsego, MI 49078.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. A request for a special use permit and related site plan review from Christian Neighbors S.E., owner of 282 12th Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-17-025-114-16, to expand a previously approved place of assembly within the R-2 Medium Density Residential District, per Section 8.03(f) of the Otsego Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business that comes duly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of agenda items and draft documents is available for viewing during office hours at the above noted address. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate in all public hearings and open meetings within the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Otsego Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078, by phone at 269-694-9434, or by email to jcolin@otsegotownship.org.

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP CLERK
JEN COLIN
269-694-9434

DORR TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Dorr Township will conduct a public hearing concerning the following matters to be held on Monday, June 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorr Township Hall, located at 1683 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. An application from United Iron and Metal, owner of 2311 141st Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 03-05-019-009-00, for a nondimensional (use) variance to expand a legally nonconforming use (salvage yard) within the RE Rural Estate District by more than 50% of the original facility.
2. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

A copy of applications and related materials is available for review at Dorr Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Dorr Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing. All interested persons are invited and urged to participate.

Dorr Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Dorr Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Dorr Township Clerk at the address above or by calling 616-681-9874.

DEBBIE SEWERS, CLERK
DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
616-681-9874

MARTIN TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Martin Township Hall, 998 Templeton Street, Martin, MI, the Martin Township Board will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed 2026/2027 budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject to this hearing.

This Notice of Public Hearing is given by:
Jennifer Wharton, Martin Township Clerk
Martin Township Hall
998 Templeton Street
Martin, MI 49070
269-672-5027
Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 221.24e

RELIGION SECTION

Generally, we don't think of belonging to a tribe. We are fans of a sports team, belong to organizations or churches, but we rarely use the word 'tribe.' Even so, the concept of tribe plays a significant role throughout the entire Bible. It began with the twelve sons of Jaboc (aka Israel). After Moses led them out of Egypt into the Wilderness, and Jacob led them across the Jordan River into the Promised land, each tribe settled in their own territory.

All of them shared a common ancestry, a common religion, common language, and traditions, but that did not mean they always played nicely with each other. For one thing, they lost the plot when they became territorial. If an enemy attacked their territory, there was not an agreement that automatically guaranteed aid from the others.

It wasn't until some 400 years later when David united the tribes under his government. Then, after his son Solomon died, it fell apart.

As I wrote, we don't use the word tribe, and speak instead of denominations. Yet, in many ways we retain that tribal mentality that proved toxic. It often comes with disagreements and animosity over worship practices, doctrinal matters, or morals and ethics. Years ago I listened to a Wisconsin Synod Lutheran (tribe) cleric rail against women wearing makeup, slacks, working away from home, plus radio and television. I don't know if he changed anyone's mind, but he made a good-hearted effort at it. He succeeded in being divisive.

Today, in addition to ecclesiastical divisions, the old specter of tribalism has been used by party politics to divide us further. Piling on the challenge is decreasing membership in many denominations and economic challenges.

During difficult times, the tendency is to hunker down and hide behind the barricades. That succeeds only in making us wary of one another, thereby worsening the problem.

Whether it is this challenge or any other one, I believe the only way we move forward is following our Lord's commandment to love one another, including the people in the other tribe. Add to that tolerance and grace, and we can very easily resume doing something good.

A good beginning is to reach out our right hand in friendship and realize that all of us are part of Christ's true realm of humanity.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

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Dorr, MI 49323
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Pastor Tommy Boutell

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Pastor Todd Wagner

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Plainwell, MI 49080
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Office 793-7929

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269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
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Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

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Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

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Pastor Nicole Smith
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Pastor Kelsey French

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Pastor Don Miller

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2199 Taft Road, Allegan
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Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
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616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

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Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

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(A Global Methodist Church)
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Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
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www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
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269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
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Worship Service @ 11:00am
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Plainwell Church of Christ
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(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
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616-218-1556
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